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NOT UNTO ME, BUT UNTO THEE, O LORD,
AND
UNTO COUNTLESS ONES, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
REMEMBERED OR FORGOTTEN
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Early in the morning, O Lord, will I direct my prayer unto Thee.

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The Minister, standing before the Congregation, shall reverently recite these sentences.

Awake! awake! put on thy strength, O Sion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem.

Arise! shine! for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee!

Come ye, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord: and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths.

Then shall the Minister pronounce this

Meditation.

Brethren, the shrine at which we most acceptably worship God must always be found in the ordinary circumstances of our daily life. The familiar world is the abode of every ennobling relation we sustain; the scene of every worthy toil; the altar of our holiest vows. This world is the School at which we are placed to learn the lessons of wisdom; the Arena in which we are appointed to serve our fellowmen; the Temple where we may offer divinest worship to that great Being Who is at once our Father and our God.

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Then shall Minister and People join in this

Act of Adoration.

O Eternal Majesty of Earth and Heaven,
Fount whence flows the stream of life,
Thy children now adore Thee.
World upon world rests
In the embrace of Thine everlasting Love.
Countless throngs lift up their song of joy.
O Holy One,
There is no place where Thou art not;
And where Thou art,
There art Thou to be loved, and forever adored.
We worship Thee; we give Thee thanks;
We hymn Thy praise,
O Lord our God,
Our Dwelling-place and Rest.

Then shall be said or sung these versicles:

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips;
People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
Minister. O God, make speed to save us.
People. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
Minister. Praise ye the Lord.
People. The Lord's Name be praised.

Here may be sung some specially chosen

Hymn of Praise and Adoration.

And afterward shall be read the Psalter, the Minister

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announcing, Such and such a Psalm, or Selection of Psalms. *And after each selection shall be sung or said this ascription :*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible : the only wise God;

Be honour and glory : forever and ever. Amen.

Then shall the Minister read the Lesson from Scripture, telling where it is found, and at the close he shall say, Here endeth the Lesson. *Whereupon Choir and People shall sing this, or some other appropriate hymn or anthem.*

Te Deum Laudamus.

We praise Thee, O God : we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the Earth doth worship Thee : the Father Everlasting.
To Thee all angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and Earth are full of the majesty : of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise Thee.
The Holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father : of an Infinite Majesty;
Thine adorable, true : and glorious Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

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Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the Everlasting Son : of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man :
Thou didst clothe Thyself in flesh and dwelt amongst us.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of Thy Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee help Thy servants : whom Thou
Hast redeemed by Thy Precious Love.
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord save Thy people : and bless Thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify Thee;
And we worship Thy Name : ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us : as our trust is in Thee.
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

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Here, if so desired, may be said

The Apostles' Creed.

After the Creed, or, if the Creed has not been said, at the close of Te Deum Laudamus, the Minister, turning to the people, shall say, and the People respond,

Minister. The Lord be with you.
People. The Lord also be with thee.
Minister. Let us pray.

Minister and People.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil : For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Minister alone.

Creator of the Universe, our Father, Who art the Life of the myriad worlds above us and the fruitful earth around us, we look to Thee. Thou art the Vigor of the nourishing soil, the Virtue of the refreshing streams, and the one Sole Source of those deeper and more wonderful springs which rise within us unto everlasting life. And now we lift our hearts to Thee. All things come of Thee, and for all we give Thee thanks.

We bless Thee for the wisdom of the wise, for every true word spoken, and for every good thing done. We bless Thee for all the light

and glory which stream upon us from Thine everlasting throne, for the light and truth of Thy prophets and seers, the mighty leaders of our race, and for the beauty of holiness which shines upon us from the lowly ones with whom we live. But more than all we bless and praise Thee for that grace and truth which come to us through our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And though the veil of sense now hangs dark between Thyself and us, and our sins and the changing shadows of this earthly life obscure our inward vision, yet we love and trust Thee, Lord. We rejoice to know that Thou art ever with us and that darkness and light are both alike to Thee.

Thou dost bid us seek and we shall find; ask and we shall surely have whatever is necessary for our true welfare, both now and forever. And so we come to seek Thee here, to adore Thy Holy Name, and bless Thee for Thy great goodness to us and to all our race. Speak, O God, to every loving spirit here before Thee. Appear to every longing heart in this and every world this day. Unite us in one communion. Strengthen us by Thy grace and holy inspiration, and enable us so to fulfil Thy will that we may be what Thou wouldst have us be, eyes to the blind, feet to the lame, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land to all with whom we live, whom Thou hast taught us to love and appointed us to serve, so that the wilderness and the solitary places of the world shall be glad for us and the

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desert rejoice and blossom as the rose. Grant us this prayer, Father, which we put up in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Minister and People.

Almighty God, Who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou will grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come the joy and peace of everlasting life. Amen.

Minister alone.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all forevermore. Amen.

Here may be given notice of the hours and occasions of divine worship. Other notices, in order that the spirit of worship may not be disturbed, should be posted in the Church porch. After this, where a collection is customary, shall come the Offertory. During the Offertory an anthem may be sung, and after the offering has been reverently presented and placed upon the Holy Table, the worship shall proceed as here.

A Hymn.

The Sermon.

After the sermon a brief silence shall be kept for Private Meditation, *followed by a Hymn.*

The Closing Prayer, and Benediction.

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MORNING PRAYER
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The Minister, standing before the Congregation, shall reverently recite these sentences.

I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple.

We wait for Thy loving-kindness, O Lord, in the midst of Thy temple.

Thou wilt show us the path of life: in Thy presence is the fulness of joy; and at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

Then shall the Minister pronounce this

Meditation.

Brethren, God of His great love has provided for our comfort and solace the blessing of this Sacred Day of Rest. His Presence sanctifies all the gracious associations and occasions of this holy House of Prayer. Therefore is it that we may come and here find rest, and be refreshed in our weariness, and gain strength for the duties and tasks of our daily life. Hither let us come in filial reverence to learn more perfectly our Heavenly Father's will, and what are His gracious wishes concerning us,

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and receive new inspiration from His Spirit, that we may consecrate our life to Him in a deeper devotion, and render to our brethren a nobler service, in time to come.

Then shall Minister and People, still standing, join with audible voice in saying this

Act of Thanksgiving.

Lord of Rest and Giver of our Peace,
We now present ourselves before Thee;
Thy children, near and far,
Speak forth their grateful thanks to Thee.
Thy saints at rest in Heaven
Breathe out their Hymn of Praise,
And cast their crowns before Thy Throne.
We thank Thee for all Thy gracious gifts,
For those we remember,
And those we have forgot.
Thanks, O Lord, for this our daily life,
Its health and strength, its hope and joy,
Its labour and its rest.
O guard our goings out, our comings in,
And keep us in Thy love and peace
For evermore.

Here may be sung some specially chosen

Hymn of Praise and Adoration.

Afterward shall be read the Psalter, the Minister announcing Such and such a Psalm or Selection of Psalms. *And after each selection shall be sung, or said, this ascription.*

Now unto the King Eternal, immortal, invisible : the only wise God;

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Be honour and glory : forever and ever. Amen.

Then shall the Minister read the Lesson from Scripture, telling where it is found and at the close he shall say, Here endeth the Lesson. *Whereupon Choir and People shall sing this, or some other appropriate Hymn or Anthem.*

Benedicite, Omnia opera Domini.

O all ye works of the Lord, O ye Angels of the Lord, O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord : praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

O all ye Powers of the Lord, O ye Sun and Moon, O all ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord : praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

O ye Winds of God, O ye Winter and Summer, O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord : praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

O let the Earth bless the Lord, O ye Mountains and Hills, O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord : praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

O ye Children of Men, O ye Priests of the Lord, O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

O ye spirits and souls of the Righteous, O ye Holy and Humble Men of Heart, bless ye the Lord : praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

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And the Minister turning to the People shall say

Minister. The Lord be with you;
People. The Lord also be with thee.
Minister. Let us pray.

And then, all kneeling, shall be said or sung:

Minister. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us,
People. And grant us Thy salvation.
Minister. O Lord, save the State,
People. And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.
Minister. Endue Thy Ministers with righteousness,
People. And make Thy chosen people joyful.
Minister. O Lord, save Thy people;
People. And bless Thine inheritance.
Minister. Give peace, in our time, O Lord,
People. For it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us,
People. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Minister and People.

O Lord our Heavenly Father Who hast safely brought us to the light and hope of another day; defend us in the same with Thy Mighty Power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings being ordered by Thy

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governance may be righteous in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister alone.

O God, Author of Peace, Lover of Concord, in knowledge of Whom standeth our Eternal life, Whose service is perfect freedom; defend us in all assaults of our spiritual enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, but, steadfastly meeting our temptations, we may daily win the victory over them, through the might and in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Father of Lights, from Whom cometh every good and perfect gift, send down upon Thy chosen Ministers, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of Thy grace; and, that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing. Most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favor to behold and bless Thy servants ———, the President of the United States, and ———, the Governor of this Commonwealth, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that they may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts, and grant them in health and prosperity long to live. Creator and Preserver of mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldst be pleased to make Thy ways

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known unto them, Thy saving health and mercy to all our race.

More especially we pray for Thy Holy Church Universal, that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life. We commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body or estate, especially those for whom our prayers are now desired, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we ask as Thy children and disciples of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Minister and People.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all mankind (particularly to Thy children who now desire to offer Thee their thanks and praise). We bless Thee for our creation, for Thy daily care of us, and for all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the Redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of the greater glory yet to come. Father, give us such a deep and abiding sense of these Thy mercies, that our hearts may be

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of Divine worship. Other notices, in order that the Spirit of Worship may not be disturbed should be posted in the Church porch. After this where a Collection is customary, shall come the Offertory. During the Offertory an Anthem may be sung, and after the Offering has been reverently presented and placed upon the Holy Table, the worship shall then proceed as here.

A Hymn.

The Sermon.

After the Sermon a brief Silence may be kept for private Meditation, followed by

A Hymn.

The Closing Prayer and Benediction.

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The Minister, standing before the Congregation, shall reverently recite these sentences.

Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place, Thou and the ark of Thy strength!

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He will sustain thee.

Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him; for He is meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Then shall the Minister pronounce this

Meditation.

O where shall wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?
Man knoweth not the price thereof,
Neither is it found in the land of the living.
The depths of earth say, It is not in me!
And the sea saith, It is not with me!
Wisdom cannot be gotten for gold.
It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir.
No mention shall be made of coral or of pearls,
The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it,

For the price of wisdom is above rubies.
Whence then cometh wisdom?
And where is the place of understanding?
God understandeth the way thereof,
He knoweth the place.
And unto man He saith:
Behold, the fear of the Lord! that is wisdom.
And to depart from evil:
That is understanding.

Then shall be said or sung

Sursum Corda.

Minister.

Lift up your hearts.

People.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People.

It is meet and right so to do.

Minister.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of Heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name, praising Thee, and blessing Thee, for evermore.

Here shall all unite in singing Trisagion. Or sometimes on special occasions, the Choir may sing the Sanctus alone.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory

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be to Thee, O Lord most High. Amen. Amen.

Then shall be read a Psalm, or Selection of Psalms, from the Psalter, at the end of which shall be sung this Ascription.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible : the only wise God;

Be honour and glory : for ever and ever. Amen.

And here shall be sung by Choir and Congregation a specially chosen Hymn of praise and adoration or an Anthem by the Choir; this Anthem shall always be chosen in consultation with the Minister. After the Hymn or Anthem shall be read

The Lesson.

The Lesson, although usually to be taken from the Old or New Testament, may at times be chosen from some other appropriate and reverend writing. After the Lesson shall be sung this or some other fitting Canticle or Anthem.

Magnificat Anima Mea.

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For He hath regarded : the lowliness of His handmaiden;

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is His Name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him : throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with His arm : He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

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He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel : as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung these versicles :

Minister. The Lord be with you;
People. The Lord also be with thee.
Minister. Let us pray.

All kneeling.

Minister. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.
People. And grant us Thy salvation.
Minister. O Lord, save the State.
People. And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.
Minister. Endue Thy ministers with righteousness;
People. And make Thy chosen people joyful.
Minister. O Lord, save Thy people.
People. And bless Thine inheritance.
Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People. For it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

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Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Minister.

Lord of our life, again we come before Thee. Breathe within us Thy calm and holy spirit, and grant us Thy peace. We thank Thee for these days of rest, and for the blessed opportunity they afford for the larger development of our nature, and the fuller enjoyment of our life. We have not improved our gifts as we should. We confess that other lords have had dominion over us, but henceforth, Father, we would know no other Lord but Thee. We grieve that we have not loved Thee more and served Thee better, that we have not been more earnest in our worship, more humble in our penitence, more sincere and fervent in our prayers.

Help us, Father. Enable us to serve Thee more faithfully in future, and grant that we may pass our time down here in the quietness of confidence and peace. O God, Thy counsels are very faithfulness and truth. We praise and bless Thee, Lord, Thou Strength of the weak, Thou Helper of the poor. Be to us, we pray Thee, a hiding place from the winds of adversity, a refuge in trial and temptation, as rivers of water in the dry and parched places of our lot, and as the shadow of a great rock

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in a weary land, in our hours of discouragement, despondency, and sorrow.

Father, we pray for all who are in authority over us, for Thy holy Church universal, and for all men everywhere, who in their own way are striving to find and follow Thee. Prosper the means which Thy faithful people have used this day to spread among mankind the Gospel of Thy Truth, Thy Joy and Peace, so that the time may soon come when the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped to hear Thy gracious word, and the eyes of the blind be opened to see the true meaning of this earthly life, and those heavenly hopes and prospects, which our Saviour Jesus Christ has spread before us.

Lord, we put up our prayer in the Spirit of Thy dear Son Who taught us when we prayed to say

Minister and People.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil : For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister alone.

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with us all for evermore. Amen.

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Here may be given such notices as relate to the hours and occasions of Divine Worship. Other notices, in order that the spirit of worship may not be disturbed, should be posted in the Church porch. Where a collection is customary it may be taken here. And after the offering has been reverently presented, and placed upon the Holy Table, the worship shall then proceed as here.

A Hymn.

The Sermon.

After the Sermon a brief silence may be kept for private meditation. After this shall come

A Hymn.

The Closing Prayer.

Then while the people are still kneeling shall be sung this or some other appropriate Canticle, Verse, or Hymn.

Nunc Dimittis.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace : according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : Thy salvation.

Which Thou hast prepared : before the face of all people :

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Minister pronounce the Blessing, Choir and Congregation singing the Amen at the close.

The Benediction.

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The Minister, standing before the Congregation, shall reverently recite these sentences.

Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty : Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints.

Be glad, O ye children of Sion, and rejoice in the Lord your God!

Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord, and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths.

Then shall the Minister pronounce this

Meditation.

We praise Thee, O God.
We rejoice in Thy Power,
Thy Justice,
Thy Holiness,
Thy Wisdom and Thy Love.
O Lord, our hidden comforter,
Who reignest in the furthest Heaven,
Thou dwellest in our inmost soul.
And where Thou art is no misery,
Even to the distressed;

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Sorrow is hallowed, pain is sweetened,
Care is lightened,
And all our anxious fears are laid to rest.
What tongue can worthily proclaim
Thy greatness?
What heart conceive the fullness of
Thy perfect love?
Thy nature is all blessedness,
Thou alone canst satisfy our needy souls;
Blessed are all who love,
And put their trust in Thee.

Then shall be said or sung these versicles

Minister. Blessed art Thou, O Lord.
People. O teach us Thy statutes.
Minister. O God, make speed to save us.
People. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Minister. O Lord, open Thou our eyes;
People. That we may see the wonders of Thy law.
Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.
Minister. Praise ye the Lord.
People. The Lord's Name be praised.

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Then shall be read a Psalm or Selection of Psalms from the Psalter, at the end of which shall be sung this Ascription.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible : the only wise God;

Be honour and glory : for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson.

Then shall be read the Lesson from the Scripture, or at times from some other appropriate and reverend writing, the Minister saying, The Lesson is taken from such and such a Book. *And at the close,* Here endeth the Lesson. *Whereupon shall be sung this, or some other appropriate Canticle or Hymn.*

Cantate Domino.

O sing unto the Lord a new song : for He hath done marvellous things.

With His own right hand, and with His holy arm : hath He gotten Himself the victory.

The Lord declared His salvation : His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered His mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms : O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein

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is : the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for He cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall He judge the world : and the people with equity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung

Sursum Corda.

Minister.

Lift up your hearts,

People.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People.

It is meet and right so to do.

Minister.

The Lord be with you.

People.

The Lord also be with thee.

Minister.

Let us pray.

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Minister.

O God, Creator and Preserver of mankind, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all our life, our First and Last and Everlasting Friend; At close of day we look to Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Who gavest us life and light this day, and power both to labour and to rest. And yet as night draws on Thou givest more, and in the holy stillness of this hour dost Thyself come forth to comfort and strengthen, and cheer us. Thou wilt never leave us or forsake us. There is no day nor night, which brings us not some gift, some new token of Thy favour. O God, Thou art love. In Thee we put our stedfast trust. In Thee is all our hope. Blessed art Thou in the temple of Thy glory. Blessed in the heights above, and in the depths beneath us. But still more blessed is it, Father, to find Thee in the familiar scenes around us, and in the daily duties and tasks which Thou hast given us to do. Giver of every good, shine forth in all the glory of Thine excellence. Awaken in each one of us a sincerer love of truth, and save us from our errors and our sins. Arouse us to a wiser use of our time and the opportunities it affords, and to a more faithful development of whatever gifts or talents Thou hast bestowed upon us; so that day by day we may grow in grace and fit ourselves more perfectly for the full enjoyment of our inheritance with Thy saints in the light and life of Heaven.

Blessed and only Lord, teach us Thy will and make us to understand the way of Thy commandments. Enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the Everlasting Gospel. Increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, that we may stedfastly labour for the peace and good order of the world, for the true advancement and welfare of our town, and of our beloved country, and for the good estate of Thy holy, universal Church. We pray for our neighbours, our friends and acquaintances, the sinful, the doubtful and unbelieving, and all those unhappy ones who know not Thee.

Once more, O Lord, we pledge ourselves to Thee and Thy daily service. We long to know Thee better, and to see Thee more truly and clearly than we do. Anoint our eyes with healing grace that we may see Thy glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. We would be more at home with Thee. Lord, come in and sup with us, that we may sup with Thee. Grant us Thy spirit that we may be at one with all our brethren around us, and live peaceably with all men, ministering to one another in the same divine way in which Thou dost labour for and give Thyself to us. And when our work is done, and the end draws near, take away all doubt and fear, and, of Thy mercy, bring us safe at last to the joy and peace of Thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Minister and People.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung these Versicles, at the conclusion of which minister and people together shall sing the Amen.

Minister. Vouchsafe, O Lord;
People. To keep us this night without sin.
Minister. I will lay me down in peace;
People. And take my rest.

All.

Amen!

Here may be given notice of the times and occasions of Divine Worship. Other notices, in order that the spirit of worship may not be disturbed, should be posted in the Church porch. Where a collection is customary it may be taken here. During the Offertory an Anthem may be sung. And after the offering has been reverently presented, and placed upon the Holy Table the worship shall then proceed as here.

A Hymn.

The Sermon.

After the Sermon a brief silence may be kept for private meditation. Afterwards shall come

A Hymn.

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The Closing Prayer.

Then shall be sung Nunc Dimittis or some other appropriate Canticle, Verse or Hymn.

Nunc Dimittis.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace : according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : Thy salvation,

Which Thou hast prepared : before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

The Benediction.

Choir and Congregation singing the Amen at the close.

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EVENSONG
FOR
THE THIRD SUNDAY.

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The Minister, standing before the Congregation, shall reverently recite these sentences.

The Lord is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other but the House of God, and this is the gate of Heaven.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

Then shall the Minister pronounce this

Act of Adoration.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God!
Thine is the Greatness, and the Majesty;
The Glory, and the Victory.
Thine be the Praise!
Thou hast made us for Thyself,
And our hearts are restless
Until they find repose in Thee.
Thine, O Lord, is the Kingdom.
Both riches and honour come of Thee;
In Thine hand is might and power.

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We need not search for Thee afar.
For Thou art with us all our days;
Blessed is he that waiteth daily at Thy gates.
We bless and praise Thy Holy Name.
We rejoice in Thee, and in
Every memorial of Thy Goodness,
Thy Wisdom and Thy Love,
Both now and evermore.

Then shall be said or sung these versicles.

Minister. Lord, help us from Thy Sanctuary;
People. And strengthen us out of Sion.
Minister. Show us Thy way, O Lord;
People. And grant us Thy salvation.
Minister. Send out Thy light and Thy truth;
People. And lead us into the way of peace.

Then shall be read a Psalm or Selection of Psalms from the Psalter, at the end of which shall be sung this Ascription.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible; the only wise God;
Be honour and glory; for ever and ever. Amen.

Then shall come a specially chosen Hymn of Praise and Adoration for the Choir and Congregation or an Anthem sung by the Choir. This anthem shall always be chosen in consultation with the Minister. After this shall be read

The Lesson.

The lesson, although usually to be taken from the Old or New Testament, may be taken at times from some other appropriate and reverend writing. At the close the minister shall say: "Here endeth the lesson

Whereupon Choir and Congregation shall sing this or some other suitable Hymn or Anthem.

Bonum Est Confiteri.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord : and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O most Highest.

To tell of Thy loving-kindness early in the morning : and of Thy truth in the night season.

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute : upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy works : and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of Thy hands.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung these versicles.

Minister. The Lord be with you;
People. The Lord also be with thee.
Minister. Let us pray.

All kneeling.

Minister. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us;
People. And bless Thine inheritance.
Minister. Endue Thy ministers with righteousness;
People. And make Thy chosen people joyful.
Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

People. For it is Thou, Lord, only, That makest us dwell in safety.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Minister.

Almighty and Immortal God, unseen, but not unknown or unfelt by us, for Thou art around us, and within us, and blessed is the life we live with Thee. Thou art the life of the fruitful earth. Thou art in the stedfast laws which guide and govern and protect us as we go about our daily life. But most of all, beloved Father, we see the light of Thy truth, the beauty of Thy holiness, the glory of Thy perfect love as we look in the gracious face of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. O grant that we be not indifferent to that heavenly vision, nor refuse to hear the summons which calls us to Thy holy service.

Take away, Lord, our coldness and disobedience, our careless neglect of the task Thou hast assigned us, our dull insensibility to the great hopes, the amazing opportunities, which Thou hast spread before us. Spirit of truth, breathe into Thy children Thine own most loving spirit, that we may be strong with Thy strength, wise with Thy wisdom, patient with Thy patience and calm and content with Thy deep, untroubled peace. Father, help us now, and from this day forward, to wholly give and de

vote ourselves to Thee. Be with us in all our cares and duties, and in every discipline of pain or sorrow, in each new occasion and experience of our daily life, so that in all our endeavors we may reach forth toward that better and nobler life which Thou dost design that we shall share with Thee.

Lord, Thou hast for ever consecrated by Thy presence this good world to be our home, the scene of our daily toil, and all our happy pleasures. Thou art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy name. Abide with us, the day is far spent. Father, throw Thine everlasting arms about us, and clasp us closer to the bosom of Thy gracious love. Draw us deeper into the innermost sanctuary of Thy spirit, and let the mind that was in Christ Jesus also be in us. Enrich our nature with Thy heavenly grace, that we too may go about doing good, and fill our daily life with loving service to our brethren and holy sacrifice to Thee. We ask it all in the spirit of Him who taught us to say

Minister and People.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the

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Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God our Father, and the communion of His Holy Spirit, be with us all for evermore. Amen.

Here may be given such notices as relate to the hours and occasions of Divine worship. Other notices, in order that the spirit of worship may not be disturbed, should be posted in the Church porch. Here also where a collection is customary the offering may be taken. During the offering an Anthem may be sung and after the offering has been reverently presented and placed upon the Holy table the worship shall proceed as here.

A Hymn.

The Sermon.

After the Sermon a brief silence may be kept for private meditation, after which shall come a

Hymn.

The Closing Prayer.

Then, while the people are still kneeling, shall be sung this or some similar Canticle or Hymn

Nunc Dimittis.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace : according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : Thy salvation;

Which Thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

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Glory be to the Father; and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Minister pronounce

The Benediction.

Choir and Congregation singing the Amen at the close.

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EVENSONG
FOR
THE FOURTH SUNDAY.

The Minister, standing before the Congregation, shall reverently recite these sentences.

Awake lute and harp! I will sing and give praise.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's House, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.

Then shall the Minister pronounce this

Meditation.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord Most Holy,
And blessed are they who dwell with Thee,
Who rest in Thy love and serve Thee.
O speed the day,
When the glory of life shall be clearly seen
And men of all climes shall acknowledge
One Father, and one family,
On Earth and in Heaven;

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When all who love Thee shall unite
To succor the poor and the oppressed.
Enable us to discern
And to love our brethren,
Whatever name they bear,
By whatever creed they are hidden from us.
Strengthen us, O Lord, for life and death,
That we may obey Thee cheerfully,
Strive earnestly, suffer patiently,
And thankfully enjoy whatever
Thou shalt send us.

Then shall be said or sung these versicles.

Minister. Awake, O Arm of the Lord;
People. Awake as in the ancient days.
Minister. Teach us Thy way, O Lord;
People. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.
Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
Minister. O God, make speed to save us;
People. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Minister. Glory be to the Father and the Son.: and to the Holy Ghost;
People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.
Minister. Praise ye the Lord.
People. The Lord's Name be praised.

Here shall be sung some specially chosen Hymn of Praise and Adoration. After this shall be read a

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Psalm, or Selection of Psalms, from the Psalter, at the close of which shall be sung this Ascription.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible : the only wise God;

Be honour and glory : for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson.

Here shall follow the Lesson which, though usually to be taken from the Old or New Testament, may be chosen at times from some other appropriate and reverend writing, the Minister telling where the Lesson is found and at the close saying — Here endeth the Lesson. *Whereupon shall be sung this or some other appropriate Canticle.*

Deus Misereatur.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us : and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us.

That Thy way may be known upon earth : Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God shall give us His blessing.

God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung these versicles.

Minister. The Lord be with you.
People. The Lord also be with Thee.
Minister. Let us pray.

All kneeling.

Minister. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.
People. And grant us Thy salvation.
Minister. O Lord, save the State.
People. And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.
Minister. Endue Thy ministers with righteousness.
People. And make Thy chosen people joyful.
Minister. O Lord, save Thy people.
People. And bless Thine inheritance.
Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
People. For it is Thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.
Minister. I will lay me down in peace.
People. And take my rest.

Minister and People.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil : for Thine is the King-

dom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister.

Ancient of Days, Infinite in Wisdom, as in Power and Love, we look to Thee, Thou alone canst order and maintain the innumerable worlds above, beneath, around us, and within us. Whom have we in Heaven but Thee, and there is none upon earth we desire in comparison of Thee. Thou art our strength and stay, the health of our life, the inspirer of our hope, the source of our deepest, holiest joy.

People.

Grant, Lord, to all who are in any trouble, of darkness or distress, of loneliness or sorrow, the joy of Thy consoling presence. And upon all who are unfortunate and unhappy, the discouraged and the sad, breathe Thou, dear Lord, the sustaining calm of Thy Holy Spirit. Be with Thy children who have lost their way, and with all who through ignorance or folly, or by their own indifference and sin, are estranged from Thee. Discipline us, as Thou wilt, if only Thou wilt bring us to ourselves, and lead us to a better life.

Minister.

We bless Thee Father, for that beatific vision of Thy glory which we see shining in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord and in the lives of Thy good children all around us. Speak to us. Open our ears, that we may hear. Open ou-

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eyes, that we may see. Show us more and more of the wondrous things of Thy Kingdom, the Majesty of Thine Eternal Laws, Thy Righteousness, Thy Truth, and the Beauty of Thy Perfect Love.

Minister and People.

Hail, Holy Light, The Glory of the Eternal Father, our only Saviour who givest light and life to all our race. We look to Thee. Hail to Thee, Eternal Father, adored of all in earth and Heaven. Hail to Thee, Blessed Spirit, our Beloved Companion, Omniscient Guide, Omnipotent Comforter, we look to Thee. The day is passing, night comes on, and the end of care and labour. Be with us till the evening comes, and the work Thou gavest us to do is done.

Minister.

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with us all for evermore. Amen.

Here may be given such notices as relate to the hours and occasions of Divine Worship. Other notices, in order that the spirit of worship may not be disturbed, should be posted in the Church porch. Where a collection is customary the offering may be taken here, and an anthem sung. After the offering has been reverently presented and placed upon the Holy Table the Worship shall proceed as here.

A Hymn.

The Sermon.

After the Sermon a brief silence may be kept for private meditation. Then shall be sung a

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Hymn.

Then shall come the closing prayer and after that while the people still are kneeling shall be sung Nunc Dimittis or some similar Canticle or Hymn.

Nunc Dimittis.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace : according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : Thy salvation,

Which Thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Then shall the minister pronounce the Benediction, Choir and Congregation singing Amen at the close.

The Benediction.

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EVENSONG
FOR
THE FIFTH SUNDAY.

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The Minister, standing before the Congregation, shall reverently recite these sentences.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths.

Then shall the Minister pronounce this

Meditation.

Arise, lift up thyself, my soul.
Give thanks to God, the Lord.
O Lord, how manifold are Thy works,
The earth is full of Thy riches!
All glory to Thee, our Creator,
Thou wise ordainer of our days,
From Whom we came, in Whom we live,
To Whom we go.
Glory to Thee, O Blessed Christ;
The Way, the Truth, the Life,
For all our race.

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All glory to Thee, Eternal Spirit,
Our Friend, Companion, Guide.
Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power,
And the glory, and the victory
And the majesty :
For all that is in the Heaven,
And in the earth is Thine.
Thine is the Kingdom, for ever and ever.

Then shall be said or sung

Sursum Corda.

Minister.

Lift up your hearts.

People.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People.

It is meet and right so to do.

Then shall all together say or sing

Trisagion.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and Earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most High! Amen.

Here shall be read a Psalm or Selection of Psalms from the Psalter, at the close of which shall be sung this Ascription.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible : the only wise God;

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Be honour and glory : for ever and ever. Amen.

And then shall be sung a Hymn for the Choir and Congregation or an Anthem by the Choir. This Anthem shall always be chosen in consultation with the Minister. After this shall come

The Lesson.

The Lesson, although usually taken from the Old or New Testament, may at times be chosen from some other appropriate and reverend writing, the Minister telling where the Lesson is found and at the close saying, Here endeth the Lesson! *Whereupon shall be sung this or some other Anthem or Hymn.*

Benedic Anima Mea.

Praise the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me praise His Holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all His benefits.

Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities.

Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of His ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil His commandment, and hearken unto the voice of His word.

O praise the Lord, all ye His hosts : ye servants of His that do His pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of His, in all places of His dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

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Then shall be said or sung these Versicles.

Minister. Blessed art Thou, O Lord of earth and Heaven;

People. Above all, to be praised and glorified for ever.

Minister. Wilt Thou not turn again and quicken us?

People. That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.

Minister. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

People. And grant us Thy salvation.

Minister. Lord, hear our prayer.

People. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Minister and People.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil : for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister.

Dear Lord and Father, most wise and powerful, most holy, just and good, we put our trust in Thee. Thou gavest us life, and not in vain. Help us, Lord, to live for Thee. Grant that we may see Thee in Thine everlasting laws and find Thee in every event and experience of our daily life. We would look to Thee in every

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need, in each appointed discipline, in every trial of joy and sorrow. Open our eyes that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do and also have grace and power faithfully to fulfil all Thy gracious purposes concerning us.

People.

Forgive us, Lord, our errors and our sins, and help us to put away from us all that beclouds our minds, or weakens our will, or turns aside our hearts from Thee. Prepare us for our daily duties and for every task and each new experience that awaits us; so that amid all the changes and chances of this mortal life we may ever be true to ourselves and to Thee. And at last when our work is done, may we in calm and loving assurance that Thou art with us, pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful and everlasting rest with The.

Minister and People.

Blessed God,
Creator of our days and nights,
We worship and adore Thee.
Thanks for each day's work and hope.
Thanks for each night's quiet rest.
Into Thy hands we commend our spirits.
O keep us in Thy perfect peace.

Minister.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ; be with us all both now and evermore. Amen.

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Here may be given such notices as relate to the hours and occasions of Divine worship. Other notices, in order that the spirit of worship may not be disturbed, should be posted in the Church porch. Here also, where a collection is customary, the offering may be taken. During the offertory an anthem may be sung. And after the offering has been reverently presented and placed upon the Holy Table the worship shall then proceed as here.

A Hymn.

The Sermon.

After the sermon a brief silence may be kept for private meditation and then shall be sung

A Hymn.

Then shall come the closing prayer and after that, while the people still are kneeling, may be sung Nunc Dimittis or some similar canticle or hymn.

Nunc Dimittis.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace : according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : Thy salvation,

Which Thou hast prepared : before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Minister give the Blessing, Choir and Congregation singing the Amen.

The Benediction.

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In everything . . . let your requests be made known unto God.

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THE BIDDING PRAYER

Brethren, pray for us.

This prayer should be repeated by the Minister while standing and facing the Congregation, the People meanwhile kneeling in their accustomed places.

Brethren, let us remember in gratitude and prayer the great company of men and women who in time past have wrought so nobly to advance the world upon its appointed way. Patriarchs, Lawgivers and Kings, Sages and Philosophers, the goodly fellowship of Prophets, the glorious company of Apostles, the noble army of Martyrs, all Saints and Heroes, all true Benefactors of mankind, particularly [1] those of our own city and country whom we should hold in honour and pious remembrance. And as we now share and enjoy the rich treasures which they bequeathed to the world, so may our posterity also be blessed by the sacrifices we make, and the services we now render, to the time in which we live. Let us also have in pious memory the multitudes of every name and land, our brothers and sisters in the family

[1] These on appropriate occasions should here be mentioned by name.

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of God, and pray that we may all be blessed with a larger knowledge of the truth, and a greater measure of the faith and spirit of our Saviour Christ.

Let us remember and pray for our Rulers, the President and his Council, the Governor of this Commonwealth, our Legislators, Judges and Magistrates, and all who are in authority over us, and desire that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors on the best and surest foundations that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established amongst us for all time to come.

Let us remember and pray for the good estate of the whole and Universal Church of Jesus Christ, the blessed company of all faithful and aspiring souls, and ask that God will so illuminate all Teachers and Ministers of Religion with true knowledge and understanding of His word that they may be as burning and shining lights, and, both by their preaching and living, faithfully guide the people into the way of righteousness and peace.

Let us remember and pray for our Schools and Colleges, all Universities and Seminaries of sound learning, and ask for a blessing upon all Doctors, Professors, all Tutors and Instructors of youth, and upon all wise agencies for the spread of knowledge, virtue, and true piety amongst us.

Let us remember our children and youth, and keep them under the watchful care of our de-

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voted love, and pray that they may ever find wise and true friends to counsel and help them, so that they may grow up in reverent love and fear of God, and in the stedfast service of all that is good, and pure, and true.

Let us remember in charity all who have done or even wished us evil, and freely forgive them as we ourselves hope to be forgiven, and pray that God will give them repentance and a better mind in time to come.

Let us remember also the poor and needy, and all who have no helper, the sick and those in distress and trouble, all who are absent from home, and in foreign lands, and commend them in loving trust to God's most fatherly comfort and sustaining care.

Remember also with pure affection the friends no longer with us here, our companions of other days, and pray that our love may remain and increase, and our friendship be unchanged, until we meet in that land where there shall be no more pain or tears, and where all parting and sorrow shall be done away for ever.

Think, brethren, upon Him Who is the greatest thought of finite man, our Father and our God! In the day of prosperity let us rejoice in the thought of that Great Being Who made us, and our life, to be so full of beauty and of power. Think upon Him also in the day of adversity when the hours are grey and dim, remember that Infinite Heart which beats so warmly close to ours, and how often in times gone by we and our fathers have experienced

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the faithfulness and truth of our Almighty and All-Holy God.

Think also upon Jesus Christ our Beloved Master and Friend, and be for ever grateful for the unspeakable services which He has rendered to every separate sovereign soul and still extends to all our race. Remember Him well, for He also passed this way before us. Let life be hallowed, and death also be a holy thing, for He shared them both with us. And when our days down here are done, may His calm and holy Spirit come to cheer us through the dark vale which leads to the everlasting peace.

Brethren, rejoice, and bow before Him who poureth such benefits upon us, and for a little space keep silence, if perhaps we may the better learn what His gracious wishes are concerning us and know more perfectly what He would have us do. Speak, Lord! we wait for thy loving-kindness in the midst of Thy temple.

Here a brief silence shall be kept for private prayer and meditation, the silence to be broken by Minister and People together saying,

Our Father Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, And the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Minister alone.

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all for evermore. Amen.

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THE
TEN COMMANDMENTS
IN THE
LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

The Law was given by Moses, Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ.

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THE COMMANDS OF MOSES WITH THE GRACE AND TRUTH OF CHRIST.

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The Congregation kneeling, or with bowed heads. The Minister, standing before the Altar or in some other appropriate place, shall repeat these commandments to the People.

Minister.

God spake these words and said: I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt have none other gods but Me.

No Man can serve two Masters. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in Heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

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People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

Not every one that saith unto Me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day.

The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath Day.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

And ye fathers, provoke not your children;

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but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer. Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, ar

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clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice, and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

But covet earnestly the best gifts. Seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

Minister.

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This, is the first and great Commandment; and the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Minister and People.

O Almighty Lord, and Everlasting God; vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify,

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and govern, both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy Commandments, that through Thy most mighty protection both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Minister alone.

Grace, Mercy and Peace, from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all for evermore. Amen.

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Yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

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Minister.

Giver of rest, O Blessed God, in thankfulness we lift our hearts to Thee, in loving praise, in trustful happy prayers. Hear us now in Heaven Thy dwelling place.

People.

Accept our thanks, have mercy, and grant us Thy peace.

Minister.

We thank Thee, Lord, for the gracious boon of life, and for all the blessings of our lot in a world so full of truth and goodness, so full of beauty, light, and love.

People.

We bless Thee, O Lord, our God.

Minister.

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness, Lord. We bless Thee for the Summer's glowing beauty, and the Autumn's ripened store; for Winter's frost and snow, and all the happy

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glowing life of Spring. For each day's morning, noon and eve; our hours of labour, and the hours of rest, which are brought us by the quiet night.

People.

We bless Thee now, O Lord.

Minister.

We bless Thee for the pleasant verdure, which adorns the valleys and hills of this our earthly home, the sunny fields, and the trees of the Lord with their refreshing shade, and for the myriad flowers which glow with Thy beauty, and breathe out the fragrance of Thy love.

People.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Minister.

We bless Thee for all the kind and faithful creatures, which Thou hast appointed to wait upon and serve us, and to be our daily companions and our lowly friends; and for all the winged tribes of the air, which gladden our hearts with their delightful ways, and happy songs.

People.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord, our God.

Minister.

We thank Thee, Lord, for all the glory which attends our way, and all the wonder which surrounds us, the stedfast laws which engird the

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world and form the quiet order under which we live. For the strength of the hills, the splendour of the stars, for the light on the clouds. and the music of the winds and waters.

People.

We bless Thee, Lord, and give Thee thanks.

Minister.

We thank Thee for all those whom at any time Thou hast given us to love us, and to be loved by us, in whom we have found our sweetest comfort and our deepest joy; for the friends still with us here, and for those who have gone to their long home with Thee. We rejoice in them all, and thank Thee for their good examples, and the gracious influence of their lives, and once again commend them to the keeping of Thy fatherly love and care.

People.

We praise and bless Thee, Lord. We give Thee thanks.

Minister.

We bless Thee for Thy aid and comfort, for all the precious means of grace whereby Thou dost enable us to comfort one another in adversity with the comfort wherewith Thou in our troubles dost comfort us; and for our power to give rest to the weary and heavy laden, and to help redress the cruel wrongs and miseries of the world around us.

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People.

We bless and thank thee, Lord.

Minister.

For the holy inspirations wherewith Thou dost visit the lowly, and the heavenly light whereby Thou dost enlighten nation after nation, and all those mighty and compelling impulses of Thy Spirit, which strengthen and encourage Thy people, and cheer us on from age to age.

People.

We praise and bless thee, Lord.

Minister.

For the manifold advantages of education, and civil rights, and the ennobling institutions and growing liberties with which Thou dost distinguish the far spread members of our race; for gifts of intellect, and speech, and letters, revelations of Science, pursuits of Art, the uplifting influence of Music, Poetry, and Romance, and every civilizing force which helps to bind Thy children everywhere in one community of light and hope, one family of peace and joy.

People.

We praise and bless thee, Lord, forever.

Minister.

Especially would we give thanks for those deep and never failing impulses of strength and grace which come to us in fullest measure from the Spirit of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus

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Christ, for every token of Thy favour, every joy that crowns our days, every spiritual fervour which draws us nearer to Thy Throne and Thee, and gives us the blessed assurance that whatever befals Thou wilt not leave us or forsake us; but, when our labour here is ended, wilt bring us to the quiet rest above, there to abide with Thee and our loved ones for ever.

People.

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and thanksgiving, be unto our God for ever and ever.

Minister.

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all for evermore. Amen.

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THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

When ye pray, say Our Father.

This Prayer is arranged for Antiphonal Use, at Morning or Evening Prayer, instead of the usual Prayers.

Minister.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven.

People.

Our Father Who art on earth, we are the work of Thy hands. We bless Thee for our creation, and for all this wondrous gift of life. Thou art from everlasting our Father and Redeemer. Our life is hid with Christ in Thee. In Thee we live and move; from Thee we came, to Thee we come, and find repose and peace.

Minister.

Hallowed be Thy Name.

People.

Holy and reverend is Thy Name, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come! Holy! Holy Holy! the whole earth is full of Thy glory and praise.

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Minister.

Thy Kingdom come.

People.

O God, our God, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Thou art the Governor among the people. Speed the day, O Father, when Thy children shall everywhere acknowledge Thee to be the Lord, and in all their occasions seek first Thy Heavenly Kingdom, and daily walk according to Thy everlasting laws.

Minister.

Thy Will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.

People.

Father, All-Holy, Thy will is wise and just. Thy will is our sanctification, and that we may be conformed to the likeness of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Thy will be done through us, and in us; Thy will be done for us, and by us, both now and for ever.

Minister.

Give us this day our daily bread.

People.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name be the praise, for Thy loving mercy and for Thy

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truth's sake. All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord, and Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.

Minister.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

People.

Father, in this, as in all things give us the mind which was in Christ Jesus, that we may be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as Thou, in Christ our Lord, so freely forgivest us.

Minister.

And lead us not into temptation.

People.

Father, Thou knowest whereof we are made, and Thou rememberest our dust. Thou knowest all the way wherein we walk, and wilt not permit us to be tempted above what is good for us, or to be tried more than we can endure. Grant that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also have grace and power to triumph over our temptations, that we may win at length the crown of life, and enter into the joy of our Lord.

Minister.

But deliver us from evil.

People.

Father, we pray, not that Thou shouldest take us out of the world, but to keep us from

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yielding to its evil. We ask not to be spared the events and experiences which alone can make us men, but that we may fight the good fight against all things which would debase our nature, and keep us away from Thee, so that the wilderness and the solitary places of the earth may be made glad through us, and its deserts rejoice and blossom as the rose.

Minister.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

People.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power. For Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are, and were created. Who shall not fear Thee and glorify Thy Name? Thou only art holy: and all nations shalt come and worship before Thee. Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

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MORNING PRAYERS

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Who hast safely brought us to the light and life of another day; Defend us in the same with Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight.

Author of peace, lover of concord, in knowledge of Whom standeth our eternal life, Whose service is perfect freedom, defend us Thy servants in all assaults of our spiritual foes; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries.

Mighty Ruler of the Universe, Who dost from Thy Throne behold in mercy all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favour to look upon and bless Thy servants ——— the President of the United States, ——— the Governor of this Commonwealth, and all others in Authority; and so replenish them with the Grace of Thy Holy Spirit that they may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way. Endue them plen-

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teously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live, and finally after this life to attain everlasting joy and felicity.

Father of Lights, from Whom cometh every good and perfect gift; send down upon Thy ministers and preachers, and upon the congregations committed to their charge the healthful spirit of Thy grace; and, that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing.

Creator and Preserver of all mankind; we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them; Thy saving health unto all our race. More especially, we pray for Thy Holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess, and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith, in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. We commend to Thy Fatherly Goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed in mind, body or estate; (particularly . . . for whom our prayers are now desired); that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their affliction and care. And now, O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kind-

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ness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our Creation, for Thy continual care over us, and for all the blessings of this life. But above all, we thank Thee for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world, by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of the glory to come. Grant us such a deep and abiding sense of Thy mercies that we may show forth our thankfulness and praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Blessed Saviour Who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be most expedient for us; granting us, in this world, knowledge of Thy truth, and, in the world to come, life everlasting, and to Thee shall be all praise and dominion, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all for evermore. Amen.

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A CONFESSION.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess our wickedness, and pray that we may be truly sorry for our sin. We have sinned against Heaven and before Thee. Have mercy, O God, after Thy great goodness and according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away our offences. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs that fall from Thy table. We are not worthy that Thou shouldst come under our roof; for the spirit of evil hath entered in and defiled the temple, which Thou didst consecrate to be the habitation of Thy spirit of holiness and love. Father of Heaven, Thou didst make us to be like Thee. Thou seest how it is with us. Thou didst give us a whole life in which to serve Thee and to advance our hopes of heaven, and we have been so careless of heaven and the pleasant ways that lead to Thee; so wasteful both of our time and talents, that we have too often thrown away Thy precious gifts on our vanities and sins. Father, give us a true contrition, and grace to for ever forsake our errors, that we may use all Thy gracious assistances, and walk with care and prudence and do our duty with such courage and patience, that we

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may pass our time down here in diligent devotion to Thy holy service, so that hereafter we may reign with Thee for ever, through Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

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A MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER.

Father Almighty, and All Wise, most holy, just and true, we are not worthy to lift our eyes unto Heaven, and to present our prayers to Thee; yet dost Thou bid us call on Thee in time of trouble, and of Thine unspeakable mercy dost always hear and answer our prayers. And so we come. For Whom have we in Heaven but Thee, and there is none upon earth that we desire in comparison of Thee. We bless Thee for the unnumbered benefits, which of Thy immeasurable love Thou hast bestowed upon us. We praise and bless Thee for that wise, and patient solicitude with which Thou dost daily seek to save us from the idolatry and degrading servitude of sin by bringing us out into the clear light and true knowledge of Thy holy purposes. We are Thy handiwork, Thou, Lord, alone art our Creator. We are the sheep of Thy pasture, Thou art our good shepherd. Thou art our Father. We are Thy children, and fellow-heirs with Jesus Christ of Thy power and glory, and all the unsearchable riches of Thy grace. Bless us, Lord. Cause Thy face to shine upon us. Keep us

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under the protection of Thy good providence. Be very gracious to us. We put our trust in Thee. Guide us by Thy spirit into the land of righteousness, and in the ways of truth and peace.

Father, we pray for all mankind, that the blessing of Thy Gospel may come into all the earth; that the unwise may be enlightened, the wicked, converted; the weak, strengthened; and that the whole round world may be filled with the knowledge of Thy truth as the waters cover the sea. We pray Thee for our country, for Thy servant . . . , our President, and . . . , the Governor of this Commonwealth, and for all in authority over us; for all our Legislators, Executors, and Magistrates, that in all godliness, and honesty, Thy people may lead a quiet and peaceable life. And grant, to each one of us, that we may be found faithful in our several callings, and grace so to use the gifts which Thou hast bestowed upon us, that they may ever minister to the larger welfare of the world and the greater happiness of all who live around us. Strengthen us for each new experience and emergency, for each occasion of trial, of sorrow or joy, that yet awaits us. And grant that we may so pass through these temporal scenes that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises, and the crowning glory of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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A MEMORIAL
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Minister.

Holy, holy, is the Lord our God : Holy is the Almighty : Holy is the Immortal : Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory, Thou Lord of Sabaoth. Angels and archangels, thrones and dominions, principalities and powers : cherubim and seraphim, worship and adore Thee, and tell of Thy power and Thy glory, Eternal and beloved Father of our race.

People.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for ever.

Minister.

Great Lord, and Father of men, we also, although we be unworthy, unite with those holy and blessed spirits, and with heart and voice confess the glories of our Lord. Of Thy greatness there is no end, and in Thy justice and Thy goodness, Thou dost measure out Thy purposes for us. Out of the dust were we made, yet didst Thou form us after Thy likeness, and

gavest us laws for a seed of immortality. Even when we sin and refuse to obey Thy voice, Thou dost not leave us or forsake us, sending to every age prophets and preachers of righteousness, with testimonies and blessings, miracles of power and mercy, of love and pity.

People.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for His goodness, and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men!

Minister.

At last, O God, Thou didst send us the Desire of all nations when Thy Son Christ Jesus became incarnate, and dwelt among us, who took upon Him the form of a servant; and went about doing good. He suffered for us, even to the death of the Cross, that we might share His glory, and be made partakers of all the blessings of earth and the immortal felicities of Heaven.

People.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for His goodness: and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men!

Minister.

O Lord our God, what return can we make for all the benefits which Thou hast done unto us? Creator and Father, Protector and Guardian and Guide, Giver of all these faculties of body, mind and soul, the blessings of Religion,

education, and civil rights, of culture and humanity, of a clear conscience, and a quiet life.

People.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for His goodness; and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men!

Minister.

Through Thee, O God, have we been holden up ever since we were born. In our need Thou hast clothed, and fed us, and given us friends, and comfort and health, and freedom from anxious care. In time of sorrow Thou hast refreshed us, pitied our misery, and with Holy Books instructed our ignorance, and sustained us in infirmity.

People.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for His goodness: and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men!

Minister.

In all our wanderings, Lord, Thou dost accompany us, with the assistances and admonitions, the restraints and inspirations, of Thy Holy Spirit, and by the example of the good, and the wise counsels of our loving friends, dost seek to dissuade us from folly and save us from sin, if, so be, we may turn and recover ourselves, and do Thy will, and be what in our hearts we deepest wish, and share at last Thy blessedness in the joy and peace of Heaven.

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People.

We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord; we adore the wisdom of Thy Providence, and bless Thee for Thy loving care. O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord : praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

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A CONFESSION.

Almighty and most merciful Father, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, we confess the deep ingratitude of our manifold transgressions of Thy holy laws. We deplore our sins and errors, and the faults, which in time past we have committed, by thought and feeling, in word and deed, against ourselves and one another, against Heaven and before Thee. God be merciful to us. Look upon us graciously. Excuse our errors, forgive us our sins, and grant us Thy heavenly grace that we may lay aside every weight and the sin which does so easily beset us, and bring all our thoughts and wishes into captivity to the obedience of our Saviour Christ.

Lord, we already know how little avails whatever other learning we possess, if we have not that true knowledge of Thee and Thy beloved Son, which is our Eternal life. Thou hast made us for Thyself. Help us to see more perfectly that, without Thee, there is nothing that can satisfy our deepest need; that, in wandering away from Thee, we leave everything that is truly good and blessed, and lose ourselves in darkness and despair.

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Father, here we offer and present ourselves to Thee. Accept the poor, imperfect offering. Take us as we are, and make us better, and more worthy Thee. Bless and consecrate us, body, soul, and spirit, that in very deed and truth we may be, as living temples, devoted to Thee and Thy service from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

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A MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER.

Infinite Spirit, impelled by Thy inspiration and the uplift of Thy almighty power we come, to worship Thee in Thy wisdom and justice, to adore Thy holiness and purity, to be gladdened by Thy love, and blessed by our communion with Thee. We live in Thee, we taste Thy bounty, we breathe Thine air, Thy power sustains us. Thy wisdom guides, Thy justice rules, Thy goodness preserves us, Thy love blesses, and keeps us safe for ever.

What can we give Thee, Lord, that Thou hast not in Thyself, save our love, our sympathy, and our obedient service? We praise Thee, O God, although we cannot praise Thee as we would. We warm ourselves in Thy love, and bow before Thee with humility, that we may be the better prepared for the duties of our daily life; to endure its trials, bear its crosses, and triumph in its lasting joys. We bless Thee for the wondrous world wherein our lot is cast, whether it shine in the light of the sun, or be covered with cloud, and visited by tempest. Be

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it as it may, it is our home, for ever consecrated by Thy presence, and protected by Thy watchful care.

Father, we forget Thy laws, and too often wander from Thy way. Evil gains dominion over us and we become slaves to sense, to passion, and to sin. Yet hast Thou such long patience, that Thou lovest us still, even while we disobey Thee and break Thy everlasting laws. Forgive us, Father; and grant that we may be able to forgive ourselves, and with true penitence wash away our sins in the fountain of Thy grace.

We thank Thee for our daily life; for its tasks, to exercise our hands, and for its trials and temptations, which strengthen our hearts, and embolden our spirits. We thank Thee for our neighbours and acquaintance, our relatives and friends, and all whom Thou hast given to love us, and be loved by us in turn. Teach us, O Lord, to use the world wisely and well, that we may find it what Thou didst make it to be, the school wherein Thy children may daily acquire more and more of the spirit of wisdom, and true piety of life. Help us to live at peace, in our own souls, and in such unity with our brethren, that we may love and serve even the unlovely, and those who evil entreat and oppose us. Above all, Father, help us to be at home with Thee, that with all our powers of heart, and mind, and soul, we may identify ourselves with Thee, until Thy truth shall dwell in

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our understanding, Thy justice establish our conscience, and Thy holy love, with all its blessed warmth and light, shine out in our daily life, for ever and for evermore. Amen.

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MORNING OR EVENING.

Heavenly Father, we draw near, not as strangers, but as Thy children, to ask the blessing of Thy love and care. Speak to us, Lord, and manifest Thy presence here. All our needs are known to Thee, and Thou art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give us more than we can either ask or think. We ask for temporal mercies, and Thou givest as well the graces and virtues of Thy Holy Spirit, and pourest Thy benefits upon us, in ways as gentle as the sunshine, and as convenient to our necessities as rain upon the thirsty ground. All our events are in Thy thoughts, all that befals us is under the rule of Thy justice, Thy wisdom, and Thy love. We bow before the wonder of Thy goodness, the beauty of Thy holiness, the glory of Thy power. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. Our worship of Thee is our honour, the lifting up of our heads, the exaltation of the lowly spirit. Father, draw us nearer to Thy loveliness, and of Thy great goodness lead us to repentance. Help us, in our strivings for a clearer vision of

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Thy spirit, and for a more faithful fulfilment of Thy gracious will; and grant us the blessing of those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, and seek, before all else, Thy eternal kingdom of truth and love.

Draw near, O God, to all who are troubled by doubts and fears and are baffled in their desire to serve Thee. To all who feel themselves forsaken and alone, or helpless, by reason of their sorrow, speak Thou the mighty and reassuring word. Bid them arise, and be of good cheer, that they may once more take up their Cross and follow Thee. Thou knowest all about us, Lord; how much of ignorance and selfishness, how much of folly and conceit, there is in us, so that we scarce know what we should pray for as we ought. Have pity on us, Father. Thou must show us the way, and teach us to do the thing that pleaseth Thee.

We rejoice to know that Thou art our Lord, and to remember that Thou dost rule and govern all things, in heaven and earth, by Thy goodness, and Thy justice; and not by the petty marks of the wants and wishes we propose to Thee. Thy will, alone, is able to devise what is wisest and best for us. Help us to put our whole trust and confidence in Thee, and to say with all our hearts, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. And grant that every day, and everywhere, and in everything, we may accept each duty and accustomed task as a favour from Thy hand, each opportunity and experience, as a fresh revelation of Thy fait[1]

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fulness and truth, and a living token of Thy everlasting love and care.

We ask Thy blessing, Father, on the unknown friends who worship with us here today. And may we all feel that neither they nor we can ever more be strangers, if only we live and serve one another as members of one true church, and brothers and sisters in the universal family of Thy love. Give, we pray, to each of us that which Thou knowest to be best for each, and draw us, in sincerity and truth, ever closer, in sympathy and fellowship, to one another and to Thee. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and Thy love, O Heavenly Father, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with us all for ever and evermore. Amen.

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A LITANY
OF
GRATITUDE AND ADORATION

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Minister.

O Lord, our Governor, Whom we behold upon the throne of Thy glory, yet know that Thou art ever with us here, and beholdest the secrets of darkness and the lowest abyss; without beginning, and without end, Infinite One, for ever unchangeable in Thy blessedness, tranquillity and peace, we bow before Thee, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father in Heaven.

People.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for ever.

Minister.

Lord Jesus, most dear and gracious Saviour, true Wisdom of the Father, Image of His goodness, the Brightness of His Person, we look to Thee. Thou art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea. Light that lightenest every man that cometh into the world, the blest Redeemer of our race.

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People.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for His goodness; and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men!

Minister.

Eternal Spirit, rest upon Thy holy Church, rest upon each one of Thy children here. Enable us to see and understand the meaning of Thy vast design, to dream our dreams, and see our visions, of all things good, and beautiful, and true. Spirit of truth, Giver of life, Earnest of the inheritance of the saints in light, Fountain of sanctification, we look to Thee. Comfort of the Church, Ease of the afflicted, Support of the weak, Unsearchable riches of the poor, Teacher of the ignorant, Refuge of the scrupulous and fearful, Infinite Reward of faithful and believing souls; Everlasting Felicity of all reasonable, understanding creatures, who love and serve Thee, sending up their acceptable, never ceasing sacrifice of prayer, and praise, and adoration; we lift our souls to Thee.

People.

O ye spirits, and souls, of the righteous, bless ye the Lord; praise Him and magnify Him for ever. Amen.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord : Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary : suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried : He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead : He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty : From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost : the holy Catholic Church : the Communion of Saints : the Forgiveness of sins : the Resurrection of the body : and the Life Everlasting. Amen.

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SERVICES FOR THE GREAT DAYS OF THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

The acceptable year of the Lord.

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MORNING PRAYER
FOR
CHRISTMAS DAY.

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The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

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MORNING PRAYER
FOR
CHRISTMAS DAY.

This Service is arranged to precede the Christmas Celebration of the Holy Communion, if it be so desired. The Minister shall begin the service by reverently reciting these sentences :

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the Government shall be upon His shoulder : And His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Antiphon.

Minister alone.

Lo! the Blessed Maid of Nazareth
Hath brought to us our King,
Whose Name is Everlasting.
Shepherds! tell us now what did ye see?
Declare it truly, Who hath appeared on Earth?
The Shepherds answer, It is the Lord!
The angel cried unto us, Behold, this day is
born your Saviour!

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And there, in a lowly manger, we saw
A new-born Babe,
The Child, Who is our Lord, our Saviour,
And our God.

Then shall Minister and Congregation sing
Adeste Fideles.

O come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing Choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to Thee, all glory be given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Then shall the Minister read the Story of our Saviour's Birth, saying, The Lesson is taken from the Second Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke; *and at the close,* Here endeth the Lesson.

The Lesson.

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After the Lesson shall be sung the Hymn

Te Deum Laudamus.

We praise Thee, O God : we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all angels cry aloud : the Heavens and all the powers therein;
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty : of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise Thee
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise Thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father : of an Infinite Majesty;
Thine adorable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the Everlasting Son : of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man : Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :

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Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee help Thy servants : whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Thy people : and bless Thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify Thee;
And we worship Thy Name : ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin,
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us,
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us : as our trust is in Thee.
O Lord in Thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

The Minister shall then read

The Little Chapter.

Brethren, this is the day which the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad : For on this day, for us men and for our salvation, the Lord came, in our flesh, to dwell among His people.

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Then all the people shall say or sing

Thanks be to God!

After this shall be said or sung these versicles:

Minister. The Lord was made flesh;
People. And dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.
Minister. The Lord our God hath showed us light;
People. His glory shines in the Face of Jesus Christ.
Minister. Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty.
People. Holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts.
Minister. The whole Earth is full of His glory.
People. Glory be to thee, O Lord!

Then shall the Minister say

O Lord and God, our blessed Saviour, Who on this day didst come forth from the infinite mystery which surrounds us, to be our incarnate Friend and Redeemer, we look to Thee. We give Thee thanks, we bless and praise Thee, for that Thou in giving Thyself, givest all that Thy people can possibly hope for, or desire. We look to Thee, for in Thee we see the perfect glory of the Father. In Thee, alone, we see ourselves, as our Father seeth us. From Thee we learn the true power and loveliness of this our earthly life, and, from Thy gracious lips, hear what we must do to win for ourselves, the heavenly crown and glory of eternal life. We

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worship and adore Thee. Son of the Father, we cannot do without Thee. In Thee we find the living word, the open book of the mystery of our existence, the infallible witness of the Way, the Truth, and Life, of man and God.

O blessed Fount of love, Image of Thy Father's Person, King of Saints, Lord of might, meek Lamb of God, Eternal Source of grace, of wisdom and divinest power, we look to Thee. Grant to us, we pray, the illumination of Thy wisdom, that we may know and understand Thy instructions, and truly sympathize with all Thy gracious wishes and purposes concerning us. Breathe into our hearts the inspiration of Thy holy spirit, that from this time forth we may follow in the heavenly way and daily live a new and better life. O would that we could requite Thee, Lord, for all that Thou hast done for us, all that Thou art to us, all that art ready to be to us and the countless multitudes that are to follow after us! Salvation to our God, Who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever. Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and love, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Here shall be sung the Introit, and so to the Celebration of the Communion, according to the order hereafter set forth in this Book. Should it be desired however to make Morning Prayer a separate Service the Minister may here introduce such prayers as he deemeth appropriate, concluding with these two prayers.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be

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pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all our race. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good spirit, that all, who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life. We commend to Thy Fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate (especially those whose need Thou knowest best, who have now desired our prayers to Thee). May it please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions, both now and ever, and this we ask, as children of Thy love, and disciples of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with us all, and abide with us, for evermore. Amen.

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MORNING PRAYER
FOR
GOOD FRIDAY.

Truly this was the Son of God!

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MORNING PRAYER
FOR
GOOD FRIDAY.

The Minister and People being in their accustomed places, the Minister shall begin the Service by repeating reverently the following Sentences.

Behold, the Lamb of God!

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.

He was despised, and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.

Antiphon.

Minister and People.

Hail, holy Day!
Sacred Memorial
Of our Saviour's darkest hour,
When the gentlest, yet mightiest, of our race,
Was led as a Lamb to the slaughter!
As a sheep before her shearers is dumb,
So opened He not His mouth;
Patient to the end, stedfast, and serene.
Yet, in this basest of mortal sins,
For ever stands revealed

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The breadth and length,
The depth and height, of
The Love of God our Saviour,
Who came to live and die for us,
That we might learn to live with God, and
For one another,
The life of sacrifice, and supremest love.

Then shall choir and congregation sing this Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways.

O loving wisdom of our God,
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight,
And to the rescue came.

O wisest Love! that flesh and blood
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and His very Self
And Essence all divine.

O generous love! that He who smote
In Man for man the foe,
The double agony in Man
For man should undergo;

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And in the garden secretly,
  And on the Cross on high,
Should teach His brethren, and inspire
  To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
  And in the depth be praise,
In all His words most wonderful
  Most sure in all His ways.

Amen.

Then shall the Minister read the story of our Saviour's Trial and Death in the XVIII and XIX chapters of St. John, saying, The Lesson is taken out of the Gospel according to St. John. *And at the close,* Here endeth the Lesson.

The Lesson.

After the Lesson shall be sung this, or some other appropriate Hymn.

Benedictus.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for He hath visited and redeemed His people.

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of His servant David;

As He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets : which have been since the world began.

That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember His holy covenant.

To perform the oath which He sware into our forefather Abraham : that He would give us;

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That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve Him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before Him : all the days of our life.

And Thou, Child, shall be called the Prophet of the Highest : for Thou shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people : for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the Dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Minister read

The Little Chapter.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, Who took upon Him the form of a Servant, and being found in fashion as a Man, humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

And the People shall say or sing

Thanks be to God!

Then shall the Minister, turning to the Altar and raising his hands toward Heaven, offer this memorial :

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

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That bought us once for all on Calvary's Tree,
And having with us Him that pleads above,
We here present, we here spread forth to Thee
That only offering Perfect in Thine eyes,
The One, True, Pure, Immortal Sacrifice.

Then shall be said or sung this Ascription :

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible : the only wise God;
Be honour and glory : for ever and ever. Amen.

Then, all kneeling, shall be said or sung these Versicles :

Minister. O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us,
People. For Thy great mercy's sake.
Minister. O Lord, save Thy people;
People. And bless Thine inheritance.
Minister. Lord, heal my soul,
People. For I have sinned against Thee.
Minister. Show the light of Thy countenance upon us,
People. And we shall be healed.
Minister. Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People. Have mercy upon us.
Minister. Saviour, Who by Thy Cross hath redeemed us;
People. Save us and help us, we beseech thee, O Lord.
Minister. Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;
People. Grant us Thy peace.

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Minister.

Jesus, Lord and Master, our thoughts are full of Thee and Thy blessed martyrdom for our race.

We bless Thee, we give Thee thanks, O Lord, we worship and adore Thee. No words can express our debt to Thee, no contrition enable us to realize Thy suffering and sorrow, when the waters of bitterness overwhelmed Thee at Golgotha, and the iron of our hardness entered so deep into Thy Soul. Eternal thanks to Thee, O Christ, for all Thy holy love, Thy boundless pity and compassion for our imperfect, struggling, aspiring race. We bow before Thee and that supreme devotion, which bore such anguish for our sake, that Thou mightest fulfil Thy Father's will, and lead Thy followers through suffering and sacrifice, into the holy land of righteousness, and freedom, and everlasting peace.

Beloved Christ, we look to Thee, and see Thee on the Holy Rood. Look Thou upon us, good Lord, and have mercy upon us, for our sins are many and great, and full of shame and sorrow. Our burden is too heavy for us alone. Do Thou give us strength to bear it, courage to meet our trials and temptations; sincerity in prayer, and patience in our sufferings; serenity in sorrow, and a sure victory over every sin. Speak the word only, and Thy servants shall be healed. Breathe upon us the inspiration of Thy spirit, that day by day we may abide with Thee in spirit, and in truth. And when at last

the evening comes, and our work is done, may we also pass through the grave and gate of death, to dwell with Thee, and the blessed company of Thy faithful people in quietness and peace for ever. Amen.

Then, while the People are still kneeling, the Minister shall rise and reverently pronounce this meditation on an experience in the life of the Patriarch Jacob.

There wrestled a man with him, until the breaking of the day. As it was with Thy servant of old, so, Lord, may it be with us today.

Come, O Thou Traveller unknown,
  Whom still I hold, but cannot see;
My company before is gone,
  And I am left alone with Thee :
With Thee all night I mean to stay,
And wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell Thee who I am,
  That, my misery and sin declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name;
  Look on Thy hands, and read it there!
But who, I ask thee, Who art Thou?
Tell me Thy Name, and tell it now.

In vain Thou strugglest to get free,
  I never will unloose my hold;
Art Thou the Man That died for me?
  The secret of Thy love unfold;
Wrestling I will not let Thee go,
Till I Thy Name, Thy Nature know.

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Yield to me now, for I am weak,
  But confident in self-despair;
Speak to my heart, in blessing speak,
  Be conquered by my instant prayer!
Speak, or Thou never hence shalt move,
And tell me if Thy Name is Love?

'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me!
  I hear Thy whisper in my heart!
The morning breaks, the shadows flee;
  Pure universal Love Thou art;
To me, to all, Thy mercies move;
Thy Nature, and Thy Name, is Love.

Minister and People.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this Thy family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross. Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve Thee. Assist us mercifully, in all our doings, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation, that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Minister.

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up the Light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

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MORNING PRAYER
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This is the Day!

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MORNING PRAYER
FOR
EASTER DAY.

This Service is especially arranged to precede, if so desired, the Celebration of the Holy Communion. The people being in their accustomed places the Minister shall reverently recite these sentences.

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed, and hath appeared unto Simon. Alleluia!

Therefore, my heart is glad, my glory rejoiceth. My flesh also shall rest in hope.

In Thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Antiphon.

Minister and People.

The Angel of the Lord,
Descending from Heaven,
Came and rolled away the Stone
From the door of the Sepulchre :
And when the disciples came, he said,
Be not afraid! Why seek ye the living
Among the dead?
He is not here! He is risen!
Alleluia!

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Then shall all sing

Jesus Vivit.

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
Can no more, O Death, appal us.
Jesus lives! By this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthral us.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
But the gate to life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath
When we pass that solemn portal.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! To Him the throne
Over all the world is given.
We shall go where He is gone,
Rest and reign with Him in Heaven.
Alleluia!

Then shall the Minister read the Story of our Saviour's Resurrection, St. Matthew xxviii, 1–10 verses, saying, The Lesson is taken from the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew; *and at the close,* Here endeth the Lesson.

The Lesson.

Then shall be sung this or some other appropriate Hymn or Anthem.

Te Deum Laudamus.

We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the Earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To Thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

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To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and Earth are full of the majesty : of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise Thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge Thee,
The Father : of an Infinite Majesty.
Thine adorable, true : and only Son.
Also the Holy Ghost; the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory : O Christ.
Thou art the Everlasting Son : of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man : Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shall come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee help Thy servants : Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy saints : in glory everlasting.

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O Lord, save Thy people : and bless Thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify Thee.
And we worship Thy Name : ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us : as our trust is in Thee.
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Then shall the Minister read

The Little Chapter.

And it shall come to pass when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? that ye shall say, It is the Lord's Passover. Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations, ask thy father and he will show thee, thy elders and they will tell thee. Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us, therefore, let us keep the feast.

Then all the people shall sing or say

Thanks be to God!

Then shall be said or sung these Versicles :

Minister. O Grave, where is thy victory?

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People. The victory comes through Jesus Christ.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

People. It is meet and right so to do.

Minister. Who are these in white array?

People. These be they that came out of great tribulation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Minister. O Holy Lord, Almighty, and Immortal;

People. Have mercy, and grant us Thy peace.

Minister.

Blessed and Immortal Saviour, Who by Thy death hast triumphed over the grave, and for ever taken away the fear of death; we rejoice in this manifestation of the power of Thy divinity, and the abiding evidence it gives of the truth that was first made known to us by the majesty of Thy character and the glory of Thy perfect love. We rejoice in the wondrous witness, so graciously given, of the immortality of this our human life, and the great glory which awaits us in the world to come.

Lord Jesus, give us grace to follow Thee, to keep our promises and vows, and faithfully to fulfil our solemn engagements with Thee and Thy holy Church, that, with all our power, we

may help forward Thy great purposes and so bring in the larger welfare and nobler happiness which the Father hath decreed for our toiling and struggling race. Thou art good and just. And Thou wilt answer for us, righteous Lord. We remember Thy miracles of love, the prodigies of Thy grace and favour. Support and keep us, guard and guide us. Pity our infirmities, and save us from the baseness of indifference and ingratitude, from all self-complacency, vain conceit, and foolish pride. Refresh us with the comfort and companionship of Thy Holy Spirit. Feed us with the Bread of Heaven. May we remember that Thou art ever with us, in the vale of tears, in the pleasant paths of peace, even in the dark valley we have no fear, for Thou art there. Thy rod will correct, Thy staff support us, Thy loving-kindness follow us all the days of our life. So, by Thy mighty aid, shall our experience make for greater courage, and a more inspiring hope, and Thy people press onward from strength to strength, and from grace to grace, until that great day when Thou shalt summon us to the more blessed service of Thy Kingdom in Heaven, there to abide with Thee, and our loved ones, for evermore. Amen.

After this shall be sung the Introit, and so to the Celebration of the Holy Communion according to the order hereafter set forth in this Book. If there be no Communion the Minister may here introduce such other prayers, impromptu or otherwise, as he may deem appropriate, concluding all with the following prayers.

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Minister.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health to all our race. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess, and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth; and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

We commend to Thy Fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate. (Especially those whose need Thou best knoweth, who have now desired our prayers to Thee.) May it please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions, both now and evermore. And this we ask, as the children of Thy love and disciples of Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

O God, Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit we pray Thee this Congregation with Thy love and favour. Enlighten our minds, more and more, with the light of the Everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness and of thy great mercy kee-

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us in the same all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God our Father, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all for evermore. Amen.

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MORNING PRAYER
FOR
ASCENSION DAY.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates!

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MORNING PRAYER
FOR
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This Service is especially arranged to precede, if so desired, the Ascension Celebration of the Holy Communion. The people being in their accustomed places, the Minister shall reverently recite these Sentences.

I ascend unto My Father, and your Father, and to My God, and your God.

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my Throne, even as I also overcome, and am sat down with My Father in His Throne.

Antiphon.

Minister and People.

God, Who at sundry times,
And in divers manners,
Sent to our fathers in time past
Prophets and wise men,
With messages of love and truth,
And many precious gifts
For the education and perfecting of our race;
In the fulness of time

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Sent His beloved Son Jesus Christ.
But the people despised
And rejected Him,
And for thanks, gave Him a crown of thorns;
For reverence, the reed,
And purple robe of scorn;
For a throne, the cruel scaffold of the Cross.
But the Captain of our Salvation
Was made perfect through suffering,
Learning obedience by the things He endured.
Wherefore, God also hath
Highly exalted Him,
And given Him a Name above every name,
That at the Name of Jesus
Every knee should bow,
And every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

Then shall be sung the hymn

Multis Coronis.

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamp upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own;
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him Who died for thee
And hail Him as thy Matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of Love:
Behold His hands, His side,

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Those wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wondering eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime :
All hail! Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me.
Thy praise, Thy glory, shall not fail
Throughout Eternity.

Amen.

Then shall the Minister read the story of the Ascension, Acts i, 1–11 verses, saying, The Lesson is taken from the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles of Jesus; *and at the close,* Here endeth the Lesson.

The Lesson.

After the Lesson shall be sung this or some other appropriate Anthem or Hymn.

Te Deum Laudamus.

We praise Thee, O God : we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the Earth doth worship Thee : the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth,

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Heaven and Earth are full of the Majesty : of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge Thee,

The Father : of an Infinite Majesty,

Thine adorable, true : and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver men : Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants : Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints : in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people : and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify Thee,

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And we worship Thy Name : ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us : as our trust is in Thee

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Then the Minister shall read

The Little Chapter.

When He ascended up on high, He led a multitude of captives, and gave gifts unto men : And He gave some, apostles, and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ : till we all come, in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

Here all the people shall say or sing

Thanks be to God!

Then shall be said or sung these versicles :

Minister. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

People. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Minister. Lamb of God, our Lord and Saviour;

People. Have mercy, and grant us Thy grace.

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Minister. O Lord, save the State;
People. And mercifully hear us, when we call upon Thee.
Minister. Endue Thy Ministers with righteousness.
People. And make thy chosen people joyful.
Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People. For it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;
People. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Minister.

O God, the King of Glory, Who hast exalted Thy Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto Thy Kingdom in Heaven; Leave us not comfortless, we beseech thee, but send us Thine Own All-Holy Spirit to comfort us, and exalt us in heart and mind, unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, there to live and reign with Thee in glory, both now and evermore. Amen.

Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints. Infinite in wisdom, Thy mercies are wonderful. Thou, God, seest us, and knowest all about us, our many needs, our weaknesses and sins; yet dost Thou bid us come o Thee. Thou hast made us for Thyself, and

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our hearts are restless and ill at ease, until they find their comfort and repose in Thee. Lord, help us, and, of Thy great pity, have mercy and forgive us all our sins.

Pour out Thy Spirit upon Thy holy Church, and preserve her evermore in truth and safety, in unity and peace, that she may be ready, both in will and deed, to offer to Thy service the never ceasing sacrifice of love and praise.

Remember, Lord, our Rulers and all in authority over us. Keep them in rectitude and honour, that they may ever be found in the ways of wisdom, of righteousness, and peace. Bless our beloved country with industry and prosperity, Thy people with knowledge and true piety, and crown our nation's character with the everlasting glory of faith, and hope, and love. Especially do we ask a blessing upon all who minister to us in Thy Name, in the holy things of Religion, and the Heavenly Life. Clothe Thy Ministers with purity and righteousness, that Thy people may daily grow in grace, and in truer knowledge, and deeper love of Thee.

Bless all who are near and dear to us, our kinsfolk, neighbours and acquaintance, our friends, and benefactors, and give them comfort from above. Keep us under the protection of Thy good providence and grant us the grace of Thy holy Spirit. We pray also for all who have ever wronged us, or even wished us evil. Father, forgive them, and grant them true repentance, and a better mind in time to come

Relieve the afflicted, comfort the sorrowful, and to all who are in any trouble speak Thou Thy calming word of peace. Strengthen the weak, confirm the strong, instruct the ignorant, deliver the oppressed, and them that have no helper, the outcast and the poor. Be with the children Thou hast given us, and bless them, Lord, exceedingly, that our sons may grow up as the young plants, and our daughters be as the polished corners of Thy temple. Be with each and every member of Thy widespread family, in all that befals them, in all our occupations and experiences, and by the ways of righteousness, through the green pastures, and by the still waters, bring us safe unto Thy Kingdom of rest and peace, there to abide with Thee and our loved ones for ever. Amen.

Should there be no Celebration of the Communion, the Minister may here end the Morning Prayer with the Apostolic Blessing.

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with us all for evermore. Amen.

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MORNING PRAYER
FOR
WHITSUNDAY.

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The Spirit gave them utterance.

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MORNING PRAYER
FOR
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This Service is especially arranged to precede, if so desired, the Celebration of the Holy Communion. The people being in their accustomed places, the Minister shall reverently recite these Sentences.

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

There is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth him understanding.

I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Antiphon.

Minister and People.

O Thou, Who dwellest
In the high and holy place,
We look to Thee.
We are not worthy
That Thou shouldest come under our roof,
But, Lord, we cannot do without Thee.
Come therefore, O Lord our God,
And dwell with us.
Companion us. Be Thou our Guide,

Our Counsellor, our First, our Last
And Everlasting Friend.

Then shall all sing the Hymn

Anima Dei.

Breathe on us, Breath of God,
Fill us with life anew,
That we may love what Thou dost love;
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on us, Breath of God,
Until our hearts are pure;
Until with Thee we will one will,
To do, and to endure.

Breathe on us, Breath of God,
Till we are wholly Thine;
Until this earthly part of us
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on us, Breath of God,
So shall we never die;
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

Amen.

Then shall the Minister read the Story of the Promise of the Comforter, St. John xvii, 16–33, and Acts ii, 1–11 verses, saying, The Lesson is taken from the Gospel of St. John and the Acts of the Apostles of Jesus; *and at the close,* Here endeth the Lesson.

The Lesson.

After the Lesson shall be sung this or some other appropriate anthem or hymn.

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Te Deum Laudamus.

We praise Thee, O God : we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the Earth doth worship Thee : the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud : the Heavens and all the Powers therein

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth,

Heaven and Earth are full of the Majesty : of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise Thee.

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The Father : of an infinite Majesty,

Thine adorable, true : and only Son,

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Thou art the King of glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man : Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers,

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.

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We believe that Thou shall come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee help Thy servants : Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints : in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people : and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify Thee.

And we worship Thy Name : ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us : as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Then shall the Minister read

The Little Chapter.

Ho! Every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat. Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him, shall be in him, a well of water springing up into everlasting life. And the Spirit, and the Bride, say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And,

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whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.

And all the people shall say, or sing,

Thanks be to God!

After which Minister and People shall sing,

Veni, Sancte Spiritus.

Minister.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

People.

And lighten with celestial fire.

Minister.

Thou the Anointing Spirit art.

People.

Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Minister.

Thy blessed unction from above,

People.

Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Minister.

Enable with perpetual light,

People.

The dulness of our blinded sight.

Minister.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face,

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People.

With the abundance of Thy grace.

Minister.

Keep far our foes, give peace at home,

People.

Where Thou art guide no ill can come.

Minister.

Teach us to know the Father, Son;

People.

And Thee, of Both, to be but One:

Minister.

That through the ages all along,

People.

This may be our endless song;

Minister.

Praise to Thy Eternal Merit,

All.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Minister.

O God, Whose counsels are in the great deep, Thy ways past finding out, may Thy Spirit lead us, and enable us to penetrate the mystery where Thou dost dwell serene. We see Thee not, we hear Thee not, yet art Thou in our inmost heart. Our trust is in Thee and Thy mercy for ever. Our hope is in Thy goodness,

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Thy wisdom and Thy love. All power, and strength, and comfort come from thee. Thou knowest, Lord, the lot in which our life is lived, every circumstance which attends us, and all the way wherein we go. Grant us good cheer in the performance of our duties. Enable us to meet our temptations and endure whatever trials still await us. Alleviate our sadness, distress, and sorrow. Refresh all who are athirst for thee. And so lead us, blessed Spirit, out of our weakness and imperfection, from strength to strength, from grace to grace, on to the full power and glory of that larger inheritance, unto which it has pleased Thee in Thy love to call us.

Fountain of health, Source of our life, we give Thee thanks for Thy defence amid the evil influences of the world around us, and for saving us from the desolation we should have brought both upon ourselves and our friends, had we not been inspired by Thy wisdom, and strengthened by Thy Almighty power. We commend ourselves, all we love, all who love us, and all Thy children everywhere, to the sure protection of Thy most loving care.

O Thou, who dwellest in the high and holy place with him that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones, send out Thy light and Thy truth that they may lead us through the temporal things of this earthly life, to the freer use of those heavenly powers, the fuller enjoyment of those eterna'

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pleasures, which are found alone with Thee. We praise and bless Thee for all thy goodness, Thy faithfulness and truth, and upon the harp will we give thanks unto Thee, O God, our God, for evermore. Amen.

Here shall be sung the Introit, and so to the Holy Communion according to the order set forth in this book. But, if the Sacrament be not celebrated, the Minister may here introduce such other prayers as he desires, concluding all with the following prayers.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all our race. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. We commend to Thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate (especially those whose need Thou best knoweth, who have now desired our prayers to Thee). May it please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions both now and evermore, and this we ask, as the children of Thy love and disciples of Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

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Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with our spirits, now and for evermore. Amen.

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MORNING PRAYER
FOR
TRINITY SUNDAY.

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Behold, a Throne was set in Heaven, and One sat on the Throne.

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MORNING PRAYER
FOR
TRINITY SUNDAY.

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This Service is especially arranged to precede, if so desired, the Celebration of the Holy Communion. The people being in their accustomed places, the Minister shall reverently recite these Sentences.

I saw the Lord sitting upon a Throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the Temple. Above it stood the Seraphim and one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts : the whole earth is full of His glory.

And I heard a voice from Heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder : and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps : and they sang as it were a new Song before the Throne.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Antiphon.

Minister and People.

Holy, Blessed, Gracious God,
Light of the immeasurable Universe,

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True Sun of every soul;
We look to Thee,
And find in Thee the meaning of all mystery.
Shine forth in all the glory of Thine excellence
And in Thy light shall we see light,
As did Thy saints of old, what time
Thy candle shined upon their head,
And they walked through darkness
As in the secret glory of Thy presence.
Thou hast made us for Thyself,
Thou hast called us by Thy Name;
Send out Thy light and truth, O Lord,
And we will follow Thee.

Then shall all sing,

Trinitas Beata.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee:
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the Saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

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Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty,
All thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Here shall follow the Lesson, the Minister saying, The lesson is from the Book of Psalms, the one hundred and fourth psalm. *And at the close,* Here endeth the Lesson.

The Lesson.

After the Lesson shall be sung this or some other appropriate anthem or hymn.

Te Deum Laudamus.

We praise Thee, O God : we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

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We believe that Thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee help Thy servants : Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

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O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us : as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Here the Minister shall read

The Little Chapter.

O the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom, and the knowledge of God! Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, it is high, I cannot attain unto it. How dear are Thy counsels unto me, O God! O how great is the sum of them! For of Thee, and through Thee, and to Thee, are all things; to Thee be glory for ever!

And all the People shall say or sing,

Thanks be to God!

Then shall be said or sung these Versicles :

Minister. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of Heaven;

People. Above all to be praised and glorified for ever.

Minister. Let us bless our Father in Heaven;

People. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Minister. Let us bless the Son of God;

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

Minister. Let us bless the Spirit of the Father and the Son;

People. Praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

Minister. O give thanks unto the Lord;

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People. For his mercy endureth for ever
Minister. Praise Him in all places of His dominion;
People. Praise thou the Lord, O my Soul, praise the Lord.

Minister.

Eternal God, Fountain and Origin of all the good that is, that has been, and all that the future years shall see, we worship and adore Thee for all that Thou for ever art. We bless and praise Thee for all that Thou hast done. We give Thee thanks for all that Thou hast given our race, crowning us with tender mercies and innumerable tokens of Thy love and favour. Especially do we bless Thee for making us inheritors of Thy wondrous attributes and powers, that we too may attain to holiness of life, and enter into the deep blessedness of Thy joy and peace. Show us more and more Thy purposes concerning us that we may awaken to a nobler awe and reverence for Thee, a more earnest love for our fellowmen, and for all that is just and right, all that is good and great, and beautiful, and true.

Blessed Saviour, Who dost enlighten our minds with the word of truth, our souls with the beauty of holiness, our hearts with the comfort of Thy love, we look to Thee. We acknowledge Thee to be our Lord. To Whom else shall we go? Thou hast the words of Eternal life, and we are called by Thy Name. Graciously hear us, O Christ! and grant us greater

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boldness, and a more stedfast devotion to Thy blessed service.

Holy Spirit, ever present, most wise and powerful, most holy, just, and good; be thou our constant guide. Save us from our ignorance and folly, and from all that is low, and mean, and unworthy of us. Give us such clear understanding of our duties here, and of what Thou dost expect of us, that we may daily grow more like Thee, and more and more fruitful in the gifts and graces of the heavenly life; and finally, by Thy mercy, come to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fulness and completeness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Glory be to Thee, Creator, Father, Friend! Glory be to Thee, O Christ, Son of the Blessed, Lover, and Brother, and Saviour of men! Glory be to Thee, Holy Spirit! Lord and Giver of life, in Whom, and through Whom, and by Whom, we live from day to day. As it was in the beginning, so is it now, and shall be so for ever. Amen.

Here shall be sung the Introit, and so to the Celebration of the Communion. Should there be no Celebration the Minister may here introduce such other prayers as He shall deem appropriate, concluding all with the following prayers.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldst be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health to all our race. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal

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that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. We commend to Thy Fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate (especially those whose need Thou best knoweth, who have now desired our prayers to Thee). . . . May it please Thee to comfort, and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions, both now and evermore. And this we ask as children of Thy love, and disciples of Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou will grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be most expedient for us, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ be with us, and abide with us, now and for ever. Amen.

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OF
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One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

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This Office is arranged as well for the Baptism of adults as of children, a special gospel being provided for that purpose.

At the time of the baptism, the candidates, sponsors and witnesses standing near the Font, the Minister shall first recall these words of the Saviour.

Come unto me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock : if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Then shall be sung one of the following hymns

Saviour, Who Thy flock art feeding,
With a Shepherd's kindest care, etc.

Or, for those of riper years

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigour on, etc.

Then the Minister shall offer this prayer, making the necessary changes for an adult.

Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to Thee for

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succour, the life of those who believe, Father and Friend of all our race; we call upon Thee for *this Infant* whom we now present for membership in the Church and Kingdom of Thy dear Son, Christ our Lord. Receive *him*, O Lord, as Thou has promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall receive; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us, who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that *this Infant* may enjoy the everlasting benediction of Thy heavenly grace, and come at length into the full possession and enjoyment of that Eternal Kingdom which Thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister read one of the gospels which follow, or if it seem expedient, he may pass at once to the questions addressed to the sponsors or the candidate.

Hear what is written of our Saviour in the Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to Christ that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But Jesus, seeing it, was much displeased, and said unto them, Forbid them not, let the little children come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child receives it, shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, and laid His hands upon them, and blessed them.

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Then shall the Minister make this brief exhortation.

Brethren, ye hear in this gospel how dearly our Saviour loved the little children; how He bade all men follow the example of their innocency, declaring that it is only such as they who inherit the beautiful kingdom of love and peace.

Doubt ye not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that He will likewise favorably receive *this* present *Infant*, that He will embrace *him* with the arms of His mercy; and give unto *him* the blessing of eternal life, and make *him partaker* of His everlasting kingdom.

The Minister shall then especially address the Godfathers and Godmothers in this wise:

Ye have brought this *child* here, to publicly dedicate *him* to the service of Almighty God, and that *he* may be baptized into all the divinest uses and joys of life. And the Lord Christ stands ready to receive *him* into the fellowship of His holy Church. This child must, therefore, for *his* part, promise by you that are *his* sureties until *he* shall come of age to take it upon *himself*, that *he* will put *his* steadfast trust in God, constantly follow in the Christian way and obediently keep God's holy law.

At the Baptism of Adults the Minister shall say to all present.

Hear what our Lord and Master saith.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there also shall my servant be. If

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ye love me, keep my commandments. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. If any man will be my disciple, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

To the Candidates.

Brethren, in these words we see, not only how difficult, but also how inspiring, is the discipleship to which we are summoned by our Saviour Christ. Nothing, therefore, can be more becoming to a man than the solemn engagements of this Holy Sacrament, whereby we enter more surely into God's good grace, and also gain such inspiration and power, as will enable us to run with patience the race that is set before us, daily looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the Throne of God.

Wherefore, in full assurance of God's gracious assistance in the great work He has given you to do, you must also faithfully for your part, in the presence of this congregation, and of these your chosen witnesses, promise and answer to the following questions.

The Minister shall then demand as followeth, and each sponsor or candidate shall severally answer each question.[1]

I ask, therefore, Dost thou (in the name of this child [1]) renounce the vain pomp, and self-

[1] Used only in Baptism of children.

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ish glories of the world, with all covetous and sinful desires of the same, so that thou will not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer.

I renounce them all, and by God's grace will endeavor not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minister.

Dost thou believe in the Christian Faith, as it was taught and practised by our Saviour, Jesus Christ?

Answer.

I do.

Minister.

Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Answer.

That is my desire.

Minister.

Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer.

I will, by God's help.

Then the Minister, his right hand outspread above the Font, shall say this prayer :

Almighty, Everliving God, whose most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, for the great love He bore our race, gave commandment to His disciples and sent them to teach all nations, and

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to baptize them into Thy holy family; Regard, we beseech Thee, the supplications of Thy people, and sanctify this water to be the mystical symbol of the washing away of sin, and the outward and visible sign of that water which springeth up within us unto everlasting life. And grant that *this Infant* now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of Thy grace, and ever remain in the number of Thy faithful children, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Then the Minister, taking the child into his arms, or placing the Candidate near the Font, shall say unto the Sponsors :

Name this child.

And having received the Name he shall discreetly pour water upon the child's head and say :

N——, I baptize thee, in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Or if the other form be preferred.

N——, I baptize thee, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then the Minister, still retaining the child in his arms, shall further say,

We receive *this Child* into the Congregation of Christ's Flock, and do [1] sign *him* with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ,

[1] Here the Minister with his fore-finger shall mark a Cross upon the child's forehead.

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his crucified Lord, and manfully to fight under His banner against the sins and errors of the world, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. Amen.

The Minister shall then proceed as here, except in case of an adult.

Seeing now, brethren, that this Child has been devoted to the Master's service, and to that end has here been grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us devoutly give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits, and with one accord make our prayers unto Him, that this Child may lead the rest of his life according to this beginning.

Minister and People.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil : For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Minister alone.

We yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that Thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of Thy grace, and faith in Thee; Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Perfect and complete that which Thou hast so graciously begun i

us. And grant that in all our occasions and experiences, in all the duties and occupations of our daily lives, we may more and more devote ourselves to Thee and Thy holy service. And when, at last, the evening falls, and our work on earth is done, may we, without fear and without reproach, find our rest in the everlasting blessedness and peace of Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Minister, turning to the Sponsors, shall say:

Brethren, our Heavenly Father, Who is also our Lord and Judge, will surely one day require an account of the way we have discharged our duty to the children He has given us. Therefore, before all else, should these little ones, as soon as they are able to learn, be made acquainted with the solemn vow, promise and profession, which has here been made in their behalf this day. And, that they may know these things the better, it is your high privilege and duty to bring them up in attendance on the great School of Jesus Christ, which is the Church of the Living God; to study with reverent care and devotion all that noble literature of Religion which we name the Holy Scriptures; and to follow duly in the steps of Him, Who is the Way, the Truth, the Life, and the unerring Guide of all our race. So shall you provide for them, from their earliest years, a career of ever growing usefulness and power,

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and a future full of hope, and abiding blessedness, and peace.

Then shall they be let depart with this blessing.

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with us and abide with us for evermore. Amen.

Conclusion of the Baptism of an adult.

Seeing, brethren, that *this our brother* has now made affiance with our Lord and Saviour, and publicly vowed *himself* to His holy service, let us devoutly give thanks unto Almighty God, and with one accord pray that all *his* days hereafter *he* may live in the spirit, and according to the purpose, of this sacred hour.

Minister and People.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil : For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say over each Candidate.

Defend, O Lord, this Thy Child with Thy heavenly grace, that *he* may continue Thine for ever and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more until *he* come unto Thy everlasting kingdom. Amen.

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Then, taking each in turn by the right hand, he shall say :

Be thou faithful unto death, and thou shalt have the crown of life. Amen.

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THE SACRAMENT
OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER.

This Cup is the New Testament.

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Upon the day appointed, the Holy Table being covered with a fair linen Cloth and the Bread and Wine being placed thereon, the Minister shall begin the Service by reverently reciting these sentences.

I will wash mine hands in innocency and so will I go to Thine Altar.

Send out Thy light and Thy truth that they may lead me, and that I may go unto the altar of God, even the God of my joy and gladness and upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O Lord my God!

Turning to the Communicants:

Come unto Him, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him; for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Minister.

Almighty and All Loving God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts

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of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name, both now and for evermore. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say :

Brethren, listen to the comfortable words of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect.

Then shall the People say or sing :

Kyrie Eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

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After which, the people now being seated, the Minister shall pronounce this Meditation.

Behold! How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation. He shall feed His flock like a Shepherd. For, even so has God ordained, that the Saviour should reach and bless the multitudes of mankind, and that one generation should declare His truth unto another, and so promote the welfare, and enlarge the happiness of our race.

Therefore, are we bidden to this solemn commemoration of those great deeds and events which, though enacted so many years ago, still live and influence us, and will continue to bless our race for evermore. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. And he who dies for Truth, dies, not only for himself, but for his country, and for all mankind. And thus, also, did our beloved Lord and Saviour die for us. Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth and things under the earth: And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Then shall be said or sung

Sursum Corda.

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Minister.

Lift up your hearts.

People.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People.

It is meet and right so to do.

Minister.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God, because Thou didst give Jesus Christ to save us from our weakness and imperfection, to lift us out of our errors and our sins, to bring light to those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Minister and People.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of Heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

Trisagion.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and Earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, Most High! Amen. Amen.

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Here may follow the Sermon or Address. Then a brief space may be kept for meditation, either silent, or accompanied by the soft music of a voluntary. At the conclusion of which a Hymn shall be sung, and the Service proceed as here.

Minister.

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, in remembrance of Him, Who so greatly loved and served our race, and with one accord, let us put up our prayer to the Father of all and say,

Minister and People.

O God, the Creator and Father of mankind, Who hast sent redemption unto Thy people through Jesus Christ our Lord, we look to Thee. As Thou wast with our fathers, so wilt Thou be with us for ever. We acknowledge Thee in all our ways, in all our thoughts and deeds. Especially do we feel Thy nearness now as we are met to commune with Thee in memory of our Saviour Christ, and with the glorified spirits of our loved ones now at rest in Thee.

Source of all life, Thou art our strength and our hope, we bless Thee and adore Thee. Glory and honour be to Thee, O blessed Saviour, Who of Thy immeasurable love didst consecrate Thyself through all Thy wondrous years a living sacrifice to our service, and died at last for

our advantage upon the Cross of Golgotha. As Thou didst live for us, so would we live for one another, and for Thee. And here and now, O Lord, we offer and present ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto Thee. Accept our sacrifice. Receive and bless us to Thy service. Prosper the works of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handiwork, and let the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our heart be alway acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

Then the Minister, turning to the Holy Table, shall set apart the Bread and Wine, in the words of the Master,

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took Bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper, He took the Cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, This Cup is the New Testament in my Blood. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, brethren, with solemn vows for a more blameless life, and a deeper devotion to our Father's service in time to come, let us receive these Holy Symbols, as from the loving hands of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Here shall be sung a Hymn or an Anthem, after which the Minister shall distribute the Bread to the people as they kneel around the Holy Table, saying as he delivers the Bread.

Take, and eat this, in remembrance that Christ died for thee. Feed on Him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

Afterwards the Minister in like manner shall deliver the Cup to the People saying,

Drink this, in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

After all have received the Bread and Wine shall be said,

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil : For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Then shall be sung or said,

Gloria in Excelsis, Deo.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

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O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
Receive our prayer
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
Have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord:
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Then shall the Minister pronounce this parting address.

Brethren, as we go hence to our accustomed tasks and occupations, we may well rejoice that the path of life is now so clear and plain before us. Let us be forever grateful to the Son of Man, Who once passed this way, that He might perform that gracious service for us, and may the mind which was in Christ Jesus also be in us. Stand therefore stedfast and immovable, in His holy fellowship, that no momentary gratification may lure our feet astray, no temporal advantage deprive us of our inheritance among the saints in light, and, above all, that no thoughtless indifference of ours shall prevent our living, as far as in us lies, in

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happy understanding and kindly sympathy with all men, as brothers and sisters in the family of God.

Here shall be sung Nunc Dimittis, or some other such Anthem or Hymn.

Nunc Dimittis.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace : according to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen : Thy salvation
Which Thou hast prepared : before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.
Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible : the only wise God,
Be honour and glory : for ever and ever. Amen.

Then shall the Minister pronounce the Blessing.

The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and for evermore. Amen.

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ORDER
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MARRIAGE.

And they twain shall be one.

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SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE.

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At the appointed time the Persons to be married shall come into the Body of the Church, or shall be ready in some proper house, with their friends and neighbours, and there standing together, the Man on the right hand and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say.

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God and in the face of this Company to join together this Man and this Woman in Holy Matrimony, a Sacrament honoured and esteemed by true men everywhere; inasmuch as on the Sanctity of it depend not only the permanence of Civilization, and the security and sure progress of human Society, but also the personal welfare and happiness of countless multitudes of our race, and therefore must not by any be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

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Then speaking directly to the Persons to be married he shall say.

I require and charge you also, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not lawfully be joined together in matrimony, ye do now declare it. For be ye well assured that if any persons are joined together otherwise as God's word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

Here shall be sung this or some other appropriate Hymn or Anthem. If a Choir be not present the Minister shall read this Hymn.

O Perfect Love, all human thought transcending,
Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy Throne,
That theirs may be the love which knows no ending
Whom Thou for evermore dost join in one.

O Perfect Love, be Thou their full assurance
Of tender charity, and of stedfast faith,
Of patient hope, and quiet, brave endurance,
With childlike trust that fears nor pain nor death.

Grant them the joy that brightens earthly sorrow,
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife;
Grant to their life's day that glorious coming morrow,
To fill with light eternal love and life.
Amen.

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After this the Minister, addressing the Groom, shall say:

M. . . ., wilt thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her so long as ye both shall live?

The Man shall answer,

I will.

Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman,

N. . . ., wilt thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou serve him, love, honour, and keep him in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him so long as ye both shall live?

The Woman shall answer,

I will.

Then shall the Minister say,

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

Then shall they give their troth to each other in this manner. The Minister receiving the Woman at her father's or friend's hands, shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and to say after him as followeth:

I, M. . . ., take thee, N. . . ., to my wedded

wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until death shall part us, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall they loose their hands, and the Woman with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand shall likewise say after the Minister,

I, N. . . ., take thee, M. . . ., to my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until death shall part us, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall they again loose their hands, and the Man shall give unto the Woman a Ring. And the Minister taking the Ring shall deliver it unto the Man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. And the Man holding the Ring there, and taught by the Minister, shall say:

With this Ring I thee wed, and with all true loyalty, both of my body and my soul, I will love and serve thee, now and for ever. In the Name of God! Amen.

Here shall be sung this or some other appropriate Anthem or Hymn. If there be no Choir present the Minister shall reverently read the Hymn.

O Father, All-Creating,
  Whose wisdom, love, and power,
First bound two lives to be as one
  In primal Eden's bower;

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O now to these Thy children
  Thine earliest gifts renew,
A home by Thee made happy,
  A love by Thee kept true.

O Saviour, Guest most bounteous
  In olden Galilee,
Vouchsafe Thy presence here,
  To these who call on Thee.
Their store of earthly gladness
  Transform to heavenly wine,
And may they in the tasting
  Each know the gift is Thine.

O Spirit of the Father,
  Breathe on them from above,
So mighty in Thy pureness,
  So tender in Thy love;
That guarded by Thy presence,
  From sin and strife kept free,
Their lives may own Thy guidance,
  Their hearts be ruled by Thee.

Except Thou build it, Father,
  The House is built in vain;
Except Thou, Saviour, bless it,
  The joy will turn to pain;
But naught can break the marriage
  Of hearts in Thee made one,
And love Thy Spirit hallows
  Is endless love begun.

Amen.

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Then shall all together say,

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done an Earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil : For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Minister.

O Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, Author of everlasting life; Send Thy blessing upon these Thy children, this Man and this Woman whom we bless in Thy Name. Be with them, Father, the Friend and Companion of all their days, and may they find in Thee their everlasting refuge. Enrich each new experience with Thy heavenly grace. Deepen and intensify their every joy with the benediction of Thy holy presence. And grant that they may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to Thy laws through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and holding them thus, he shall say,

Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

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Then shall the Minister speak unto the company, still holding together the hands of the Bride and Groom.

Forasmuch as M. . . . and N. . . . have consented together in holy wedlock and have witnessed the same before God and this company and thereto have given and pledged their troth each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a Ring and joining hands; I pronounce that they are Man and Wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then while Bride and Groom shall kneel the Minister shall add this blessing,

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with His favour look upon you and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. Amen.

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THE ORDER
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BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

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I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.

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The Minister meeting the funeral company at the entrance of the churchyard, and going before it, either into the church or toward the grave, shall reverently recite one of the following groups of sentences.

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord : he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live : and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and enter in through the gates into the city.

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I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore.

Learn where wisdom is, and where is strength, and understanding; that thou mayest know also

where is length of days and life, and where is the light of the eyes and peace.

Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right; for that shall bring a man peace at the last.

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Come unto Him, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and He will give you rest.

Unto you is Paradise opened, the time to come is prepared, plenteousness is made ready, a city is built, and rest is allowed; yea, perfect goodness and wisdom.

Abide still, O my people, and take thy rest. Sorrows pass, and in the end is seen the treasure of immortality.

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The path of the just is as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.

The Eternal God is thy refuge. And a Man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place; as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

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After they are come into the church, shall be sung or said one or other of the following psalms.

Dixi Custodiam, et Domine Refugium.

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days : that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, Thou has made my days as it were a span long : and mine age is even as nothing in respect of Thee and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain : he heapeth up riches and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope : truly my hope, is even in Thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with Thine ears consider my calling : hold not Thy peace at my tears.

For I am a stranger with Thee : and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge : from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or even the earth and the world were made : Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday : seeing that is passed as a watch in the night.

The days of our age are three score years and ten : and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years : yet is their

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strength then but labour and sorrow, so soon passeth it away and we are gone.

So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Qui Habitat, et Domine Probasti.

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold : my God, in Him will I trust.

He shall defend thee under His wings and thou shalt be safe under His feathers : His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

Whither shall I go then from Thy Spirit : or whither shall I go then from Thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, Thou art there : if I go down to hell, Thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning : and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall Thy hand lead me : and Thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall

cover me : then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day : the darkness and light to Thee are both alike.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart : prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me : and lead me in the way everlasting.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

De Profundis.

Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, Lord, will be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

But there is mercy with Thee : therefore shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for Him : in His word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy : and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem His people : from all their sins.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Dominus Regit Me.

The Lord is my Shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But Thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Here shall be read the Lesson, the Minister announcing it as follows, The Lesson is taken out of the fifteenth chapter of St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, *or wheresoever else it is found.*

The Lesson.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, the first

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fruits of them that sleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But, every man in his own order; Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming. Then cometh the end when He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God even the Father.

I protest, by my rejoicing which I have over you in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? Let us eat and drink, for, tomorrow we die. Be not deceived. Awake to righteousness and sin not; for some do not know God. I speak this to your shame. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? With what body do they come? Foolish one! That which thou sowest cannot live except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that is to be, but bare grain. It may chance of wheat, or of some other grain : but God giveth it such a body as pleaseth Him, and to every seed its own particular body. There are, also, celestial bodies, and, bodies terrestrial : but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the Sun, and another glory of the Moon, and another glory of the Stars : for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown

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in corruption; it is raised in incorruption : it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory : it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power : it is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a physical body, and there is a spiritual body. Howbeit, that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is physical; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy : the second man is of Heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy : and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And, as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Behold, I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump : for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, Who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work

of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Or these Selections from Scripture.

I became dumb and opened not my mouth; for it was Thy doing. I held my tongue and spake nothing. I kept silence, yea, even from good words, but it was pain and grief to me. My heart was hot within me; and, while I was thus musing, the fire kindled, and at the last I spake with my tongue, Lord, let me know my end, and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live. Thou art my helper and redeemer, make no long tarrying, O my God. Hold not thy peace at my tears.

After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds, and peoples and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palms in their hands. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and the elders and the living creatures, and they fell before the throne on their faces and worshipped God saying, Amen, blessing, and glory, and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes, and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they that came out of great tribulation, and have washed their

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robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the Throne and serving Him day and night in His temple. And I heard a voice from Heaven, as the voice of many waters, and the voice of harpers, harping with their harps. And they sang, as it were, a new song before the throne. These are they that follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. Here is the patience of the saints. Here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. And in their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault before the Throne of God. They shall see His Face, and His Name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the Sun; for the Lord God giveth them light : and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Or this Lesson from the Book of Esdras :

Look for your Shepherd, for He is at hand, He shall give you everlasting rest. Be ready to the reward of the Kingdom, for the everlasting light shall shine upon you for evermore. Rise up, and stand, and behold the number of those that be sealed in the feast of the Lord, which are departed from the shadow of the world, and have received glorious garments of the Lord. I, Esdras, saw upon the Mount Sion a great people whom I could not number, and they all praised the Lord with songs. And in the midst of them there was a Young Man of high stature, taller than all the rest, and

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upon every one of their heads He set crowns, and was more exalted; which I marvelled at greatly. So I asked the angel and said, Sir, what are these? He answered and said unto me, These be they that have put off the mortal clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confessed the Name of God : now are they crowned, and receive palms. Then said I unto the Angel, What Young Person is it that crowneth them and giveth them palms in their hands? So he answered and said, It is the Son of God, whom they have confessed in the world. The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise, they seemed to die : and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction : but, they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded; for God proved them and found them worthy for Himself. As gold in the furnace hath He tried them, and received them as a burnt-offering. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion, and their Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

At the Burial of a Child.

Jesus said, Let the little children come unto me. And forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God. The child of David was very sick. David, therefore, besought God fo

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the child; and David fasted, and he went in and lay all night upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose and went to him, to raise him up from the earth : but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice : how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead : therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped. Then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? Thou didst fast and weep for the child while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise, and eat bread. And he said, while the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept : for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

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After the Lesson, shall be sung a hymn or an anthem, and at the discretion of the Minister may then come an Address or Sermon, followed by another hymn or anthem. If there be no Address, the Minister after the hymn shall proceed immediately to the prayers.

Minister.

O God, in our affliction and sorrow we come to Thee. Thou seest us. Thou knowest what has befallen us. Our spirit is in heaviness, the heart within us is desolate; but Thou wilt not leave us or forsake us. Father, strengthen Thy children to bear their trouble, and of Thy love console us. We do not doubt Thy goodness, or fear the darkness which surrounds us, for Thou art with us. It is but the heaviness of a night, which will ere long give place to the glory of Thy perfect day. Help us to look upon the grave as but the heavenly portal through which we are enabled to come still nearer Thee; the way by which we leave a lesser blessing for a greater, and pass from these temporal scenes to a life of nobler opportunity in that holy land where Thy faithful soldiers and servants lay aside their earthly struggles and trials for the crown of victory and peace. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Then shall come this prayer.

O Blessed God, as one by one our loved ones leave us, we pray for clearer vision of tha'

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more abundant life which they are come to share with Thee; a more vivid consciousness of the endless improvability of our nature, and the immortality of those powers and graces which only come to their full perfection in the purer air of Heaven. We thank Thee, Lord, for all those whom at any time thou hast given to love us and be loved by us; especially the beloved one whom we now commend to Thy Fatherly protection and care. May we all so live, our loved ones at rest, and we who still remain, that together we may grow in the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and truer loveliness of life, until the day break, and the shadows flee away, and we meet again in Thy eternal Kingdom. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung,

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure : be strong, and He shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Here also may be said such other prayers as the Minister may desire. Then when they are come to the grave, while the body is being made ready to be laid in the earth, shall be said or sung these words.

Awake, and sing! ye that dwell in the dust; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

Verily I say unto you, the hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God : and they that hear shall live.

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There the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest.

Then while the earth shall be cast upon the Coffin, by the Minister or some other person standing by, the Minister shall say.

Brethren, forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God in His wise providence to summon out of this world the soul of our departed *brother*, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the confident assurance of our meeting again in that land where, beyond these earthly partings and sorrows, we shall see the King in His Beauty and abide, in fullness of joy and peace, for evermore. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung,

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, From henceforth, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

Minister and People.

Our Father, Who are in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil : For Thine is the Kingdom, And the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Commendation of the Departed.

Almighty God with Whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful after they are delivered from the burden of their earthly cares, are in joy and felicity; we give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those Thy servants, who having finished their course in faith do now rest from their labours. And we beseech Thee, that we with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss both in body and soul, and a share in the glorious inheritance of Thy saints in light, which Thou has prepared for those who unfeignedly love and serve Thee, through our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Sorrowing Kindred.

O Merciful God and Heavenly Father, Look with pity, we beseech Thee, upon the sorrows of Thy children for whom our prayers are now put up to Thee. In Thy wisdom Thou hast seen fit to permit this trouble and distress to come. Remember them, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify Thy Fatherly correction to them; endue their soul with patience under their affliction, and with resignation to Thy blessed will. Comfort them with a sense of Thy goodness; Lift up Thy countenance upon them and give them peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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For All.

O God, Whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of this our human life, and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of tears, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives: that when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope, in favour with Thee our God and in perfect charity with the world around us. We put up our prayer in the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Then shall the Minister pronounce this Blessing.

Blessed are they that mourn,
For they shall be comforted!

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

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ADDITIONAL PRAYERS
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For they rest from their labours!

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ADDITIONAL PRAYERS FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

Prayer of Commendation.

Receive, O Lord, the soul of this Thy departed child, whom we now commend to Thy kind protection and fatherly care. Grant *him* eternal rest, and vouchsafe *him* the light and joy of Thy heavenly Kingdom. And for us who still remain, keep us stedfast in the faith, and bring us safe at last to our quiet abiding place with Thee. Grant us grace in this our hour of sorrow, as in all the other occasions and experiences of our life, that our spirits may be sanctified, our wills more perfectly attuned to Thine, and Thy blessed Name forever hallowed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commendation of a Child.

Most merciful Father, Who hast so early taken to Thyself the soul of this Thy little one, we thank Thee for this precious gift of love. We bless Thee for all the promise of this fresh young life and humbly pray that it may fulfil

its gracious possibilities in that better world to which it now is come. Grant unto us who are still in our pilgrimage, that having served Thee with constancy here below, we may hereafter be united with our loved ones, and with all the blessed company of Thy faithful people in glory, through Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

The Task Accomplished.

Thrice blessed, Lord, are the dead who die in Thee. Their earthly task is done. Safe in Thy everlasting care they rest in peace. Among them comes no more pain, nor death, nor sorrow. Heavenly Shepherd, lead them in the green pastures, and by the still waters of Thy holy Paradise. We give Thee thanks, O Heavenly Father, for their good examples, and for the gracious love they bore us. And now we leave them, Lord, with Thee, clothed with purity, crowned with power, to serve Thee among Thy Saints in light, and to shine as the stars for evermore. Amen.

Devoting All to God.

O Lord our God, Who dost lead us forth from the unseen deep of Thy being and breathe into us the breath of Thine own eternal life; we commend ourselves, and all who are near and dear, and all whom at any time Thou hast given to love us, or to be loved by us, to Thy most faithful guardianship and care. We commend to Thee the days and years that yet remain, all

that we are, and all that we have, our pleasure and our pain, our work and our rest. We commend to Thy All-patient Charity, all that we have done, all that we have tried to do, and all that we must leave unfinished when our time on earth is done. Accept, Father, whatever is worthy, and pardon all that is amiss. And when the lamp of life burns low, and we must pass from hence, keep clear in our soul the pious remembrance that Thou art with us in the deep and wilt bring us through the darkness into the clear light of the calm and perfect peace of Heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Leader and our Lord. Amen.

Daily Care.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, support us, we pray Thee, all the day long of this earthly life, until the shadows lengthen about us, and this busy world is hushed in our ears, and the fever of our life is over. Then, Father, when the work which Thou didst send us into this world to do, is all done, grant us a quiet rest, and a glad reunion with those who are gone before, and a holy life full of light and hope, of joy and peace, in blessed communion with Thee and our loved ones for ever. Amen.

The Welcoming Word.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we look to Thee. Thou art with us in the darkness as in the light, in the night of sorrow, as in the hour of joy. We thank Thee for this precious

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boon of life, and the opportunity it affords us to make ourselves fit and meet for the larger and nobler uses of the world to come. Father, the hour is coming when death shall dissolve the tie which binds us to this earthly lot and Thou wilt call us into that wonderful life which awaits us in the world above. But Lord, we have no fear, for all our trust is placed in Thee. Help us to be faithful, brave and patient, stedfast, strong and true, so that when that hour comes, like workmen unashamed, we may lay aside our work with dignity and grace, and hear Thy welcome voice saying, Well done, good and faithful. Thou too hast overcome. Thou shalt sit with me in my throne. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Amen.

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SELECTIONS FROM THE PSALMS

Speaking to one another in Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs.

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SELECTIONS FROM THE PSALMS.

FIRST SELECTION.

Psalm 1

1 Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in His law will he exercise himself day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the waterside : that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

4 His leaf also shall not wither : and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

5 As for the ungodly it is not so with them : but they are like the chaff which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment : neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the

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righteous : and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 15

1 Lord, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon Thy holy hill?

2 Even he that leadeth uncorrupt life : and doeth the thing which is right and speaketh the truth from his heart.

3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour : and hath not slandered his neighbour.

4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes : and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour and disappointeth him not : though it were to his own hindrance.

6 He that hath not given his money upon usury : nor taken reward against the innocent.

7 Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.

SECOND SELECTION.

Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament showeth His handiwork.

2 One day telleth another : and one night certifieth another.

3 There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are heard among them.

4 Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words unto the ends of the world.

5 In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse Thou me from my secret faults.

13 Keep Thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled and innocent from the great offence.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be alway acceptable in Thy sight,

15 O Lord ; my strength, and my redeemer.

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THIRD SELECTION.

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 But Thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 24

1 The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is : the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For He hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord : or who shall rise up in His holy place?

4 Even he that hath clean hands and a pure heart : and that hath not lifted up his mind

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unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord : and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him : even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory : It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? Even the Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

FOURTH SELECTION.

Psalm 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear : the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.

3 One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to

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behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit His temple.

4 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His tabernacle : yea, in the secret place of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

5 And now shall He lift up mine head : above mine enemies round about me.

6 Therefore will I offer in His dwelling an oblation with great gladness : I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.

7 Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto Thee : have mercy upon me and hear me.

8 My heart hath talked of Thee, Seek ye my face : Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

9 O hide not Thou Thy face from me : nor cast Thy servant away in displeasure.

10 Thou hast been my succour : leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

11 When my father and my mother forsake me : the Lord taketh me up.

12 Teach me Thy way, O Lord : and lead me in the right way because of mine enemies.

13 I should utterly have fainted : but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14 O tarry thou the Lord's leisure : be strong, and He shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

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FIFTH SELECTION.

Psalm 31

1 In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : let me never be put to confusion; deliver me in Thy righteousness.

2 Bow down Thine ear to me : make haste to deliver me.

3 And be Thou my strong rock, and house of defence : that Thou mayest save me.

4 For Thou art my strong rock and my castle : be Thou also my guide, and lead me for Thy Name's sake.

5 Draw me out of the net that they have privily laid for me: for Thou art my strength.

6 Into Thy hands I commend my spirit : for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in Thy mercy : for Thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

8 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble : and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

9 For my life is waxen old with heaviness : and my years with mourning.

10 I am clean forgotten as a dead man out of mind : I am become like a broken vessel.

11 But my hope hath been in Thee, O Lord : I have said, Thou art my God.

12 Show Thy servant the light of Thy countenance : and save me for Thy mercy's sake.

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13 O how plentiful is Thy goodness which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee : and that Thou has prepared for them that put their trust in Thee, even before the sons of men.

14 Thou shalt hide them privily by Thine own presence from the provoking of all men : Thou shalt keep them secretly in Thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

15 Thanks be to the Lord : for he hath showed me marvellous great kindness in a strong city.

16 And when I made haste, I said : I am cast out of the sight of Thine eyes.

17 Nevertheless Thou heardest the voice of my prayer : when I cried unto Thee.

18 O love the Lord, all ye His saints : for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful, and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.

19 Be strong and He shall establish your heart : all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

SIXTH SELECTION.

Psalm 34

1 I will alway give thanks unto the Lord : His praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

3 O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify His name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and He heard me : yea, He delivered me out of all my fear.

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5 They had an eye unto Him, and were lightened : and their faces were not ashamed.

6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.

8 O taste, and see how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

9 O fear the Lord, ye that are His saints : for they that fear Him lack nothing.

10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger : but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 What man is he that desireth to live : and would fain see good days?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips that they speak no guile.

14 Eschew evil and do good : seek peace and ensue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous : and His ears are open unto their prayers.

16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil : to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry and the Lord heareth them : and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a

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contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

19 Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

20 The Lord delivereth the souls of His servants : and all they that put their trust in Him shall not be destitute.

SEVENTH SELECTION.

Psalm 37

1 Fret not thyself because of the ungodly : neither be thou envious against the evil doers.

2 Put thou thy trust in the Lord and be doing good : dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

3 Delight thou in the Lord : and He shall give thee thy heart's desire.

4 Commit thy way unto the Lord and put thy trust in Him : and He shall bring it to pass.

5 He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light : and thy just dealing as the noonday.

6 Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon Him : but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.

7 Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure : fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

8 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall

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be clean gone : thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.

9 But the meek spirited shall possess the earth : and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

10 A small thing that the righteous hath : is better than great riches of the ungodly.

11 The Lord ordereth a good man's going : and maketh his way acceptable to Himself.

12 Though he fall he shall not be cast away : for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand.

13 I have been young, and now am old : and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread.

14 The righteous is ever merciful and lendeth : and his seed is blessed.

15 Flee from evil and do the thing that is good : and dwell for evermore.

16 For the Lord loveth the thing that is right : He forsaketh not His that be godly, but they are preserved for ever.

17 The law of his God is in his heart : and his goings shall not slide.

18 Hope thou in the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land : when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.

19 I myself have seen the ungodly in great power : and flourishing like a green bay-tree.

20 I went by, and lo, he was gone : I sought him, but his place could nowhere be found.

21 Keep innocency, and take heed unto the

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thing that is right : for that shall bring a man peace at the last.

EIGHTH SELECTION.

Psalms 42–43

1 Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks : so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God : when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night : while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself : for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;

5 In the voice of praise and thanksgiving : among such as keep holy-day.

6 Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?

7 Put thy trust in God : for I will yet give Him thanks for the help of His countenance.

8 My God, my soul is vexed within me : therefore will I remember Thee, concerning the land of Jordan and the little hill of Hermon.

9 One deep calleth another, because of the noise of Thy water-pipes : all Thy waves and storms are gone over me.

10 The Lord hath granted His loving-

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kindness in the day time : and in the night season did I sing of Him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life.

11 I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast Thou forgotten me : why go I thus heavily while the enemy oppresseth me?

12 Namely, while they say daily unto me : Where is now thy God?

13 Why art thou so vexed, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?

14 O put thy trust in God : for I will yet thank Him which is the help of my countenance and my God.

15 O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me : and bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling;

16 And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness : and upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my God.

NINTH SELECTION.

Psalm 46

1 God is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved : and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell : and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make

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glad the city of God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed : God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved : but God hath showed His voice, and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord : what destruction He hath brought upon the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world : He breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 47

1 O clap your hands together, all ye people : O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared : He is the great King upon all the earth.

3 He shall choose out our heritage for us : even the worship of Jacob whom He loved.

4 God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

5 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

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6 For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.

7 God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon His holy seat.

8 The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham : for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

TENTH SELECTION.

Psalm 51

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness : according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

4 But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

5 Thou shalt purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

6 Turn Thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

7 Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

8 Cast me not away from Thy presence : and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

9 O give me the comfort of Thy help again : and establish me with Thy free spirit.

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10 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall show Thy praise.

11 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but Thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

12 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

ELEVENTH SELECTION.

Psalm 65

1 Thou, O God, art praised in Sion : and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

2 Thou that hearest the prayer : unto Thee shall all flesh come.

3 My misdeeds prevail against me : O be Thou merciful unto our sins.

4 Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and receivest unto Thee : he shall dwell in Thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

5 Thou shalt show us wonderful things in Thy righteousness, O God of our salvation : Thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea;

6 Who in His strength setteth fast the mountains : and is girded about with power.

7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea : and the noise of its waves, and the madness of the people.

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8 They also that dwell in the uttermost part of the earth shall be afraid at Thy tokens : Thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise Thee.

9 Thou visitest the earth and blessest it : Thou makest it very plenteous.

10 The river of God is full of water : Thou preparest their corn, for so Thou providest for the earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows ; Thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : Thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12 Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness : and Thy clouds drop fatness.

13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

14 The folds shall be full of sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

TWELFTH SELECTION.

Psalm 68

1 O God, when Thou wentest forth before the people : when Thou wentest through the wilderness,

2 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God : even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, Who is the God of Israel.

3 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon

Thine inheritance : and refreshedst it when it was weary.

4 The Lord gave the word : great was the company of the preachers.

5 Kings with their armies did flee, and were discomfited : and they of the household divided the spoil.

6 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels : and the Lord is among them, as in the holy place of Sinai.

7 Praised be the Lord daily : even the God Who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us.

8 It is well seen, O God, how Thou goest : how Thou, my God and King, goest in the sanctuary.

9 The singers go before, the minstrels follow after : in the midst are the damsels playing with the timbrels.

10 Give thanks, O Israel, unto God the Lord, in the congregations : from the ground of the heart.

11 Thy God hath sent forth strength for thee : establish the thing, O God, that Thou hast wrought in us.

12 For Thy temple's sake at Jerusalem : so shall Kings bring presents unto Thee.

13 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth : O sing praises unto the Lord;

14 Who sitteth in the heavens over all, from the beginning : lo, He doth send out His voice; yea, and that a mighty voice.

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15 Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel : His worship and strength is in the clouds.

16 O God, wonderful art Thou in Thy holy places : even the God of Israel, He will give strength and power unto His people. Blessed be God.

THIRTEENTH SELECTION.

Psalm 72

1 Give the King Thy judgments, O God : and Thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

2 Then shall He judge the people according unto right : and defend the poor.

3 The mountains also shall bring peace : and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right : defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

5 They shall fear Thee as long as the sun and moon endureth : from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain into a fleece of wool : even as the drops that water the earth.

7 In His time shall the righteous flourish : yea, and abundance of peace, as long as the moon endureth.

8 His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other : and from the flood unto the world's end,

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9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before Him : His enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents : the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before Him : all nations shall do Him service.

12 For He shall deliver the poor when he crieth : the needy also and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall be favourable to the simple and needy : and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

14 He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong : and dear shall their blood be in His sight.

15 He shall live, and unto Him shall be given of the gold of Arabia : prayer shall be made ever unto Him, and daily shall He be praised.

16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills : His fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the city like grass upon the earth.

17 His Name shall endure for ever; His Name shall remain under the sun among the posterities : which shall be blessed through Him; and all the heathen shall praise Him.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel : Which only doeth wondrous things.

19 And blessed be the Name of His majesty for ever : and all the earth shall be filled with His majesty. Amen. Amen.

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FOURTEENTH SELECTION.

Psalm 84

1 O how amiable are Thy dwellings : Thou Lord of hosts!

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young : even Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house : they will be alway praising Thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are Thy ways.

6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

7 They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of Thine anointed.

10 For one day in Thy courts : is better than a thousand.

11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12 For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no

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good thing shall He withhold from them that live a godly life.

13 O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Thee.

FIFTEENTH SELECTION.

Psalm 85

1 Lord, thou art become gracious unto Thy land : Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of Thy people : and covered all their sins.

3 Wilt Thou not turn again and quicken us : that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?

4 Show us Thy mercy, O Lord : and grant us Thy salvation.

5 I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me : for He shall speak peace unto His people, and to His saints that they turn not again.

6 For His salvation is nigh them that fear Him : that glory may dwell in our land.

7 Mercy and truth are met together : righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

8 Truth shall flourish out of the earth : and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

9 Yea, the Lord shall show loving-kindness : and our land shall give her increase.

10 Righteousness shall go before Him : and He shall direct His going in the way.

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SIXTEENTH SELECTION.

Psalm 91

1 Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my stronghold : my God, in Him will I trust.

3 For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter : and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under His wings, and thou shalt be safe under His feathers : His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night : nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

7 For Thou, Lord, art my hope : Thou hast set Thine house and defence very high.

8 There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

9 For He shall give His angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

10 They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

11 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

12 Because he hath set his love upon me.

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therefore will I deliver him : I will set him up because he hath known my Name.

13 He shall call upon me and I will hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him and bring him to honour.

14 With long life will I satisfy him : and show him my salvation.

SEVENTEENTH SELECTION.

Psalm 103

1 Praise the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me praise His holy Name.

2 Praise the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all His benefits;

3 Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities.

4 Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment : for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

7 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering and of great goodness.

8 He will not alway be chiding : neither keepeth He His anger for ever.

9 He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor awarded us according to our wickedness.

10 For look how high the heaven is in com-

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parison of the earth : so great is His mercy also toward them that fear Him.

11 Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath He set our sins from us.

12 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him.

13 For He knoweth whereof we are made : He remembereth that we are but dust.

14 The days of man are but as grass : for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

15 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.

16 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear Him : and His righteousness upon children's children;

17 Even upon such as keep His covenant : and think upon His commandments to do them.

18 The Lord hath prepared His seat in heaven : and His kingdom ruleth over all.

19 O praise the Lord, ye angels of His, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil His commandment, and hearken unto the voice of His words.

20 O praise the Lord, all ye His hosts : ye servants of His that do His pleasure.

21 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of His, in all places of His dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

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EIGHTEENTH SELECTION.

Psalm 107

1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious : and His mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed : and delivered from the hand of the enemy.

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the East, and from the West : from the North, and from the South.

4 They went astray in the wilderness out of the way : and found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty : their soul fainted in them.

6 So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble : and He delivered them from their distress.

7 He led them forth by the right way : that they might go to the city where they dwelt.

8 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for His goodness : and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men!

9 That they would offer unto Him the sacrifice of thanksgiving : and tell out His works with gladness.

10 That they would exalt Him also in the congregation of the people : and praise Him in the seat of the elders.

11 Who turneth the floods into a wilderness : and drieth up the water-springs.

12 A fruitful land maketh He barren : for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

13 Again, He maketh the wilderness a

standing water : and water-springs of a dry ground.

14 And there He setteth the hungry : that they may build them a city to dwell in.

15 That they may sow their land, and plant vineyards : to yield them fruits of increase.

16 He blesseth them, so that they multiply exceedingly : and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

17 And again, when they are minished and brought low : through oppression, through any plague or trouble;

18 Though He suffer them to be evil entreated through tyrants : and let them wander out of the way in the wilderness;

19 Yet helpeth He the poor out of misery : and maketh him households like a flock of sheep.

20 The righteous will consider this, and rejoice : and the mouth of all wickedness shall be stopped.

21 Whoso is wise, will ponder these things : and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

NINETEENTH SELECTION.

Psalm 116

1 I am well pleased : that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;

2 That He hath inclined His ear unto me : therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.

3 I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I

will call upon the Name of the Lord : O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.

4 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous : yea, our God is merciful.

5 The Lord preserveth the simple : I was in misery, and He helped me.

6 Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul : for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

7 And why? Thou hast delivered my soul from death : mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

8 I will walk before the Lord : in the land of the living.

9 What reward shall I give unto the Lord : for all the benefits that He hath done unto me?

10 I will receive the cup of salvation : and call upon the Name of the Lord.

11 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all His people : right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

12 Behold, O Lord, how that I am Thy servant : I am Thy servant and the son of Thine handmaid; Thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

13 I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving : and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

14 I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all His people : in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

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TWENTIETH SELECTION.

Psalm 118

1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious : because His mercy endureth for ever.

2 I called upon the Lord in trouble : and the Lord heard me at large.

3 The Lord is on my side : I will not fear what man doeth unto me.

4 It is better to trust in the Lord : than to put any confidence in man.

5 It is better to trust in the Lord : than to put any confidence in princes.

6 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall : but the Lord was my help.

7 The Lord is my strength, and my song : and is become my salvation.

8 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous. The right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

9 The right hand of the Lord hath the preeminence : the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

10 I shall not die, but live : and declare the works of the Lord.

11 The Lord hath chastened and corrected me : but He hath not given me over unto death.

12 Open me the gates of righteousness : that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

13 This is the gate of the Lord : the righteous shall enter into it.

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14 I will thank thee, for Thou hast heard me : and art become my salvation.

15 The same stone which the builders refused : is become the head-stone in the corner.

16 This is the Lord's doing : and it is marvellous in our eyes.

17 This is the day which the Lord hath made : we will rejoice and be glad in it.

18 Help us now, O Lord : send us now prosperity.

19 Blessed be He that cometh in the Name of the Lord : we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord.

20 God is the Lord, Who hath showed us light : bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

21 Thou art my God, and I will thank thee : Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

22 O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious : and His mercy endureth for ever.

TWENTY-FIRST SELECTION.

Psalm 119

Beati.

1 Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that keep His testimonies : and seek Him with their whole heart.

3 For they who do no wickedness : walk in His ways.

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4 Thou hast charged : that we shall diligently keep Thy commandments.

5 O that my ways were made so direct : that I might keep Thy statutes.

6 So shall I not be confounded : while I have respect unto all Thy commandments.

7 I will thank Thee with an unfeigned heart : when I shall have learned the judgments of Thy righteousness.

8 I will keep Thy ceremonies : O forsake me not utterly.

In quo corrigit?

1 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way : even by ruling himself after Thy word.

2 With my whole heart have I sought Thee : O let me not go wrong out of Thy commandments.

3 Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I should not sin against Thee.

4 Blessed art Thou, O Lord : O teach me Thy statutes.

5 With my lips have I been telling : of all the judgments of Thy mouth.

6 I have had as great delight in the way of Thy testimonies : as in all manner of riches.

7 I will talk of Thy commandments : and have respect unto Thy ways.

8 My delight shall be in Thy statutes : and I will not forget Thy word.

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TWENTY-SECOND SELECTION.

Psalm 119

Lucerna.

1 Thy word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

2 I have sworn and am stedfastly purposed : to keep Thy righteous judgments.

3 I am troubled above measure : quicken me, O Lord, according to Thy word.

4 Let the free-will offering of my mouth please Thee, O Lord : and teach me Thy judgments.

5 My soul is alway in my hand : yet do I not forget Thy law.

6 The ungodly have laid a snare for me : but yet I swerved not from Thy commandments.

7 Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever : and why? They are the very joy of my heart.

8 I have applied my heart to fulfil Thy statutes alway : even unto the end.

Justus.

1 Righteous art Thou, O Lord : and true is Thy judgment.

2 The testimonies that Thou hast commanded : are exceeding righteous and true.

3 My zeal hath even consumed me : because mine enemies have forgotten Thy words.

4 Thy word is tried to the uttermost : and Thy servant loveth it.

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5 I am small and of no reputation : yet do I not forget Thy commandments.

6 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness : and Thy law is the truth.

7 Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me : yet is my delight in Thy commandments.

8 The righteousness of Thy testimonies is everlasting : O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

TWENTY-THIRD SELECTION.

Psalm 121

1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and He that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, He that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord Himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.

6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

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Psalm 122

1 I was glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

5 For there is the seat of judgment : even the seat of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

TWENTY-FOURTH SELECTION.

Psalm 127

1 Except the Lord build the house : their labour is but lost that build it.

2 Except the Lord keep the city : the watchman waketh but in vain.

3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness : for so, He giveth His beloved sleep!

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4 Lo, children and the fruit of the womb : are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

5 Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant : even so are the young children.

6 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them : they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128

1 Blessed are all they that fear the Lord : and walk in His ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands : O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

3 Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine : upon the walls of thine house.

4 Thy children like the olive-branches : round about thy table.

5 Lo, thus shall the man be blessed : that feareth the Lord.

6 The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee : that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long;

7 Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children: and peace upon Israel.

TWENTY-FIFTH SELECTION.

Psalm 130

1 Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let Thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

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3 If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with Thee : therefore shalt Thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for Him : in His word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with Him is plenteous redemption.

8 And He shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Psalm 131

1 Lord, I am not high-minded : I have no proud looks.

2 I do not exercise myself in great matters : which are too high for me.

3 But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, like as a child that is weaned from his mother : yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.

4 O Israel, trust in the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 133

1 Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is : brethren, to dwell together in unity.

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard : even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

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3 Like as the dew of Hermon : which fell upon the hill of Sion.

4 For there the Lord promised His blessing : and life for evermore.

TWENTY-SIXTH SELECTION.

Psalm 139

1 O Lord, hou hast searched me out, and known me : Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; Thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed : and art acquainted with all my ways.

3 Whither shall I go then from Thy Spirit : or whither shall I go then from Thy presence.

4 If I climb up into heaven, Thou art there : if I go down to hell, Thou art there also.

5 If I take the wings of the morning : and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

6 Even there also shall Thy hand lead me : and Thy right hand shall hold me.

7 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me : then shall my night be turned to day.

8 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day : the darkness and light are both alike to Thee.

9 I will give thanks unto Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made : marvellous are Thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

10 Thine eyes did see my substance yet being

imperfect : and in Thy book were all my members written;

11 Which day by day were fashioned : when as yet there was none of them.

12 How dear are Thy counsels unto me, O God : O how great is the sum of them!

13 If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand : when I wake up, I am present with Thee.

14 Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart : prove me, and examine my thoughts.

15 Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me : and lead me in the way everlasting.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SELECTION.

Psalm 144

1 Blessed be the Lord my strength : Who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight;

2 My hope and my fortress, my castle and deliverer, my defender in whom I trust : Who subdueth my people that is under me.

3 Lord, what is man that Thou hast such respect unto him : and the son of man that Thou so regardest him?

4 Man seems like a thing of naught : his time passeth away like a shadow.

5 I will sing a new song unto Thee, O God : and sing praises unto Thee upon a ten-stringed lute.

6 O may our sons grow up as the young

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plants : and our daughters be as the polished corners of the temple!

7 That our garners may be full and plenteous with all manner of store : that our sheep may bring forth thousands, and ten thousands in our streets;

8 That our oxen may be strong to labour, that there be no decay : no leading into captivity, and no complaining in our streets.

9 Happy are the people that are in such a case : yea, blessed are the people who have the Lord for their God.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SELECTION.

Psalm 145

1 I will magnify Thee, O God, my King : and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I give thanks unto Thee : and praise Thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised : there is no end of His greatness.

4 One generation shall praise Thy works unto another : and declare Thy power.

5 As for me, I will be talking of Thy worship : Thy glory, Thy praise, and wondrous works;

6 So that men shall speak of the might of Thy marvellous acts : and I will also tell of Thy greatness.

7 The memorial of Thine abundant kindness

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shall be showed : and men shall sing of Thy righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful : long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 The Lord is loving unto every man : and His mercy is over all His works.

10 All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord : and Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.

11 They show the glory of Thy kingdom : and talk of Thy power.

12 That Thy power, Thy glory, and mightiness of Thy kingdom : might be known unto men.

13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom : and Thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

14 The Lord upholdeth all such as fall : and lifteth up all those that are down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord : and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest Thine hand : and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

17 The Lord is righteous in all His ways : and holy in all His works.

18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him : yea, all such as call upon Him faithfully.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him : He also will hear their cry and will help them.

20 The Lord preserveth all them that love Him : but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the

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Lord : and let all men give thanks unto His holy Name for ever and ever.

TWENTY-NINTH SELECTION.

Psalm 147

1 O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God : yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem : and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He healeth those that are broken in heart : and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

4 He telleth the number of the stars : and calleth them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and great is His power : yea, and His wisdom is infinite.

6 O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving : sing praises upon the harp unto our God :

7 Who covereth the heaven with clouds and prepareth rain for the earth : and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

8 Who giveth fodder unto the cattle : and feedeth the young ravens that call upon Him.

9 The Lord's delight is in them that fear Him : and put their trust in His mercy.

10 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem : praise thy God, O Sion.

11 For He hath made fast the bars of thy gates : and hath blessed thy children within thee.

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12 He maketh peace in thy borders : and filleth thee with flour of wheat.

13 He sendeth forth His commandment upon earth : and His word runneth very swiftly.

14 He giveth snow like wool : and scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

15 He casteth forth His ice like morsels : who is able to abide His frost?

16 He sendeth out His word, and melteth them : He bloweth with His wind, and the waters flow.

17 O sing unto the Lord a new song : let the congregation of saints praise Him.

18 Let Israel rejoice in Him that made Him : and let the children of Sion rejoice in their King.

THIRTIETH SELECTION.

Psalm 148

1 O praise the Lord of heaven : praise Him in the height.

2 Praise Him, all ye angels of His : praise Him all His host.

3 Praise Him, sun and moon : praise Him, all ye stars and light.

4 Praise Him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for He spake the word and they were made; He commanded and they were created.

6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever :

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He hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

7 Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling His word;

9 Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;

11 Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for His Name only is excellent, and His praise above heaven and earth.

Psalm 150

1 O praise God in His holiness : praise Him in the firmament of His power.

2 Praise Him in His noble acts : praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

3 Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet : praise Him upon the lute and harp.

4 Praise Him in the cymbals and dances : praise Him upon the strings and pipe.

5 Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

6 Let everything that hath breath : praise the Lord.

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